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Marlene Dietrich forgiven by the Germans

FROM ROGER BOYES

MARLENE DIETRICH, the husky-voiced, long-legged vamp from The Blue Angel, has been rehabilitated in Germany after years of controversy over her wartime support for the Allies.

Overcoming fierce opposi-tion, the Tiergarten District Council in Berlin has decided to use the actress's name for a square being built as part of the Potsdamer Platz. The move coincides with the issue of a Marlene Dietrich postage stamp and marks a long overdue tribute from the city where she grew up.

film museum Potsdamer Platz - soon to be the heart of Berlin - will disp ay memorahilia. Her daughter, Maria Riva has given 680 cases of her's belongings, including costumes and high-heeled shoes.

The resistance to honouring Dietrich came mainly from older Germans who never forgave her for performing for Allied soldiers and returning to Berlin wearing ar mmaculate American uni form. She had left Berlin for Hollywood in 1930. Joseph Goebbels tried to woo her back but she took American citizenship in 1939. She was warded the US Medal of reedom and Foreign Legion colonel.

Her sister was married to a cinema owner near Belser but Dietrich never had any illusions about the Nazi regime. As the singer of Life Marlene - with its distinctive opening line Underneath the lantern, by the barrack gate - she turned a German war song into the mofficial whistling tune of the British forces

in North Africa. Her supporters in Berlin argue that it was high time for Marlene Dietrich Platz because she was in effect, a resistance fighter. "She donated a great deal of money to help Jews escape." a city spokesman sald.

But it has taken the best part of five years to persuade Berliners to give ground. After spending her last years in Paris, she died at the age of 90 and was buried in Berlin in 1992 Elderly Germans remember her return in 1960 when crowds held up placands saying "Marlene, go



Dietrich: returns to Berlin in US unform

Boys trounced in Times results table

Girls' school shatters GCSE record

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

EIGHTY pupils from St Paul's Girls School, in London, have produced Britain's best exam performance, smashing GCSE records as girls again swept the board in The Times league table of state and independent schools. Some 95 per cent of St Paul's

Girls' entries were awarded an A* or A grade. More than 60 per cent reached the coveted A. compared with the national average of 3.6 per cent. The school easily beat its own record, set last year, of 88 per cent A grades. Only one gri in one subject dropped below the equivalent of the old O level and all but two of the 675 entries were marked at grade B or above. Celebrating her school's sec-

and successive triumph in the GCSE table, Janet Gough, St Paul's High Mistress, said the well and were capable of making a mark at any level. St Paul's girls take fewer than average, compared with more than ten per pupil at the foundation's boys school and many like it.

Girls schools filled all the top six places in The Times table, and 20 of the top 30. Their domination was even more complete than in previous years and will reopen the debates on boys relative under-performance and the apparent advantages of single-sex education.

Jackie Lang, president of the Girls' Schools' Association, said: "I am thrilled because

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

AIR CORRESPONDENT

TWO passenger jets with nearly 200 people on board

came within 200 ft of a colli-

sion over Slough this week in

one of the most serious "air

miss" incidents reported in British airspace.

A potential catastrophe was

averted at the very last second

as one of the pilots was ordered to pull to the left. The

shaken air traffic controller

who had inadvertently

brought the two aircraft so

close immediately reported

what he had done and stood

The incident, on Wednesday

afternoon, was regarded as so

serious that air accident inves-

down from duty.



Forget Eton, put him down for St Paul's girls"

girls just seem to be on a high at the moment. Maybe it's girl power. I don't think that [our] girls are particularly motivated by the Spice Girls, but they obviously are full of confidence and feel that the world is their oyster."

Mrs Lang said: "People used to say girls did better at GCSE because of the coursework, but that cannot be the reason now." Withington School, in Manchester, which last week became the first girls' school to top The Times A-level table, is third in today's GCSE equivalent. It and the second-placed King Edward VI High School for Girls, in Birmingham, beat the previous best GCSE score. The St Paul's foundation also provides the top boys' school, in seventh place. Sevenoaks School is the leading mixed

school, at 36th. Up to half of "Paulinas" taking A levels go to Oxford or

Heathrow near-miss jet

crash was 'seconds away'

far the most serious, such

incident to be reported this

week and comes amid mount-

ing concern that the number of

flights now using British air-

ports and airspace is reaching

In Wednesday's incident, which happened during a

violent thunderstorm, neither

pilot knew how close they had

been to disaster and neither will be able to offer any

explanation for the controller's

Flight SAB 603 from Brus-

sels was at about 800 ft on its

final approach to Runway 26

Left at Heathrow when the

pilot reported he had entered

thick and turbulent cloud".

Seconds later the aircraft

was hit by torrential rain and

apparent mistake.

Cambridge universities each year. The school was second in The Times A-level table.

Recognised as one of the academic powerhouses of the independent system, St Paul's, which is a day school, numbers Harriet Harman, the Health Secretary, and writers such as Brigid Brophy and Shirley Conran among its former pupils. Unusually among leading independent schools, there is no school uniform, no competitive houses or prefects. Fees are more than £6,000 a year.

Professor Alan Smithers, head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, who carried out a comparison of single-sex and mixed education for the leading independent schools, said: "Of course, [St Paul's] is highly selective, but one wonders how they can achieve quite such a level of

consistency."
The independent schools' pass rate for the top two grades was three times the national average. More than 45 per cent of their entries 92 per cent reached grade C or

The leading state schools made up for a disappointing showing in last week's A-level table by filling five of the top 50 places. The girls of Kendrick School, in Reading. were the highest-placed for the second successive year, at 27th, with the neighbouring Reading School the top state boys' school.

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straight on and climb to 3,000

feet and await instructions

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controller at West Drayton

immediately told the pilot of

SAB 603 to turn right on what

is technically known as a

At about the same time

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Flight BA \$18 to Copenhagen

with 63 passengers and eight crew on board had just taken

off on the parallel Runway 26

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undercarriage, brought in the

flaps and switched radio fre-

quency, he was ordered to

turn right and bank to head

northwest. However, his new

non-standard vector.

from the ground.



A jubilant Michael Atherton, the England cricket captain, at Lord's yesterday after confounding expectations by announcing that he will stay on in the job. Pages 40, 48

Aid package Unionist anger at for refugees in Antigua

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government will next week announce a substantial aid package for Antigua to help the island to cope with the influx of refugees fleeing Montserrat.

George Foulkes, junior International Development Minister will give details when he visits Antigua on Tuesday during his tour of the

He said last night that the aid was intended to help to take some of the pressure off Montserrat. The aid package. expected to be worth several million pounds, will will help Antigua's hospitals and schools to deal with the extra burden of the 3,000 refugees and pay for new houses.

Sinn Fein talks

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday took the momentous step of inviting Sinn Fein to peace talks for the first time since Ireland's 1921 partition but the furious reaction of leading Ulster Unionists left their participation in serious doubt.

During a 20-minute telephone conversation last night Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, discussed ways to reassure Unionists who feel betrayed by the Government and view the peace process with deep suspicion. Without at least the Ulster Unionist Party present the

talks would be a farce. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, invited Sinn Fein to join the Stormont talks on September 15 after

week-old ceasefire was "unequivocal", and said that a meeting between Mr Blatr and Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, was now only a matter of time. She acknowledged how difficult it would be for Unionist leaders to sit down with the IRA's political representatives but insisted

that talks were the only possible way of achieving peace. Martin McGuinness, who will lead the Sinn Fein negotiating team, said the talks now offered "the most wonderful opportunity we'll have in this century"

The invitation was warmly welcomed by Dublin and the White House, but Unionist politicians claimed that the Government had been duped David Trimble, the UUP leader, called the idea "repulsive". 9

Major urges 'no' vote John Major today appeals to Scotland and Wales to

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reject the "doomed enterprise of devolution in their referendums next month. He comes back to the political fray with a passionate denunciation of the Government's plans suggesting they will turn the two countries into unemployment blackspots. provoke conflict and eventually lead to the break-up of the UK Page 20

Late taxpayers face heavy fines

Taxpayers who file their returns late face heavy fines. To date, only 2.7 million out of eight million taxpayers have returned them. Those who want the Inland Revenue to work out their tax bills must meet the September 30 deadline

Jeffrey Bernard is near the end

Jeffrey Bernard is seriously unwell. His "Low Life" column in The Spectator has run 21 years but did not appear this week. Previous ones written from his hospital bed have suggested that the ent! is near. imon Jenkins on dying with dignity Page 20

Tim Henman crashes out

Tim Henman, the British No 2 went ou second round of the United States Open at Flushing Meadows yesterday. He was beaten in straight sets by Wayne Ferreira. from South Africa, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in only I hour and 33 minutes.....Page 42

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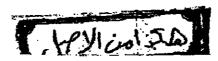
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Dobson tells NHS to avoid winter crisis

Looking for peace: Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, settles her glasses as she announces that Sinn Fein is to be admitted to multi-party talks despite fears over Unionist anger A momentous step, Page 1

Trusts fear that they do not have the

funds to meet the Health Secretary's

demands, reports Nigel Hawkes

FRANK DOBSON, the Health

Secretary, yesterday ordered the National Health Service to start planning now to avoid a crisis this winter. Mr Dobson instructed hos-

pitals, health authorities, and local authorities to work together to ensure that services can cope with the big increase in patients that the NHS has to cope with every winter. The NHS must learn the lessons of past failures, he said, admitting that the quality of planning and preparation had in the past been variable. "In some places it is excellent and in others, not so good" Mr Dohson said, "We must ensure that best practice becomes normal practice."

In a letter to all health authority and hospital trust chairmen, and to leaders of councils and chairs of social services and housing committees, Mr Dobson called for

increased co-operation to avoid problems. He declared that adequate provision must be made for emergency care; that there must be no unilateral closures of accident and emergency departments; and that the NHS must work with social services to ensure unbroken provision of carc.

comed the moves, and said that health authorities and trusts were already drawing up "battle plans" to tackle the expected increase in hospital admissions. But it gave warning that taking on extra staff and opening extra facilities could cost larger trusts hundreds of thousands of pounds which they do not have.

Trusts and health authorities are already gearing up ahead of the Secretary of State's request," said Jean Trainor, acting chief executive of the confederation. "How-

Continued from page I as the flight from Brussels.

Controllers on the ground shouted in horror as they saw

into one. It is estimated that

the incident occured at a height of 1.000 feet just two miles northwest of Heathrow and that the two planes were at most 200 feet apart vertical-

and 600 feet horizontally. The aircraft were flying at 190

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Earlier this week reports

into less serious near misses

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tion branch report is not likey to be concluded for almost a

miles an hour.



Dobson: said that lessons must be learnt

ever, there are implications for funding. During the summer months some trusts have been operating at winter levels and without extra funding they expect to take a further hammering this winter."

Every winter, hospital admissions increase sharply. The problem is exacerbated if

Heathrow near-miss

patients cannot be discharged in good time, for lack of support in the community. That is why Mr Dobson is also involving social service and housing departments. His let-ter is based on the results of a tour made by the NHS Chief Executive, Alan Langlands, and the Chief Social Services Inspector, Sir Herbert Laming, to the eight NHS regions. Their report shows that

emergency admissions were 6.4 per cent higher in the final quarter of 1996 than they had been a year earlier. Combined with a moderate flu outbreak, delayed discharges, staff shortages, and a reluctance by trusts to spend money, this led to peaks of demand during which patients could not always be found beds.

Pressures were severe between mid-December and the end of February, with the peak coming between December 30 and January 20. The report says that the NHS came under "very severe strain", with serious disruption to normal delivery of care, and that it was not always able to do more than "scrape by".

NEWS IN BRIEF

BBC tries to block Teletubbies single

THE BBC is to seek an injunction against three disc jockeys planning to release a charity fund-raising Teletubbies pop single. Vincent Brown, 29. from Whitby, North Yorkshire, has recorded the Tubbiebyebyes song North Yorkshire, has recorded the Tubbiebyebyes song and sent demo tapes to dozens of radio stations. It features the soundtrack of the voices of Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa Laa and Po against a fast disco rinythm similar to the hit song Cotton Eye Joe, by Rednez. Mr Brown and his colleagues. Anthony Jones and Andy Brennan, were planning a Christmas release.

The BBC2 programme has a strong following among students as well as the pre-school audience it is aimed at. But the planned pop single has fallen foul of the BBC's copyright lawyers. John Willan, director of BBC Worldwide Music, said yesterday: "It is a clear infringement of our BBC copyright and we will be seeking an injunction on Monday."

No show at Christmas

An American cinema chain denied reports that it planned to open its British theatres on Christmas Day. Showcase, which runs 15 multi-screen sites, has applied to eight local authorities to have restrictions on Christmas Day opening rescinded. Its other seven cinemas already have licences to operate on Christmas Day. A spokeswoman said: "We are simply looking ahead should the market arise."

Father missing at sea

Coastguards called off an air and sea search for a 25-year-old father of three who disappeared after drifting out to sea on an inflatable dinghy at Chapel St Leonards on the Lincolnshire coast. The dinghy was discovered empty. Police toured the beaches appealing for information about any missing persons were approached by an eight-year-old girl saying she had lost her father.

Kitten case quashed

A man jailed for six months for cooking a live kitten in a A man janete for six months for cooking a five kitten in a microwave oven at a party has been freed by an appeal court. Brendan Blennerhassett, 24. of Luton, had been convicted by magistrates in Houghton-le-Spring, Sunderland, of causing cruelty to an animal. He maintained his innocence and a recorder sitting with two magistrates at Newcastle Crown Court quashed the sentence.

Two jailed for crash lie

Two men were jailed for three months after crashing a company car and chaiming it had been stolen. Jonathan, Kirby, 28, employed by a finance company, allowed his friend, Benjamin Morley, 23, to drive the car after they had been drinking heavily, the Old Bailey was told. Kirby, of Maida Vale, west London, and Morley, of Gaileford, admitted acts intended to pervert the course of justice.

Inquest on former MP

Ted Leadbitter, the former Labour MP for Hartlepool. may have been suffering from dementia when he drove into a stationary road maintenance lorry in November, his GP told a Middlesbrough inquest. He suffered a broken back and died a month later. Mr Leadbitter, 77, whose wife had died a month earlier, was succeeded in the seat in 1992 by Peter Mandelson. Verdice accidental death.

Police head for Amazon



Three Metropolitan Police officers, from left, Brya Fewkes. 37, John Anthony, 33, the leader, and Ray Hall, 41, are to travel by powered canoe 4,500 miles up the Amazon. from its mouth to the Andes. The journey, organised by the Police Expeditions Club, is aimed at raising up to £100,000 for the Sick Children's Trust and the medical charity Action Research. The six-week expedition will start on September 11.

Programme chief quits

John Willis, director of programmes at Channel 4, left yesterday four months after failing in his attempt to succeed Michael Grade as chief executive. Mr Willis agreed terms to release him from his contract, which carries an annual salary of E250,000. Michael Jackson, who was appointed Channel 4's chief executive in May, will now combine his role with that of director of programmes.

Briton's attacker guilty

Aundra Akins, 18, who shot and wounded a British holidaymaker, Margaret Jagger, 39. of Bradford, was found guilty of attempted first-degree murder yesterday at Monticello, Florida. Akins, who was 14 at the time of the bungled robbery, admitted killing Ms lagger's companion Gary Colley. The prosecution is seeking a sentence of 40

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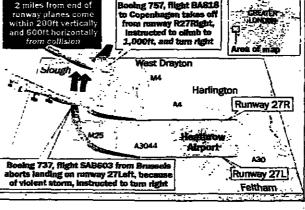
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Labour MP in marriage break-up

DENNIS CANAVAN, the Labour MP for Falkirk West. confirmed yesterday that he had separated from his second wife, Brigid.

Mr Canavan, 55, said the split had been amicable and that no one else was involved. He had been living alone since his wife moved out in March. Brigid Gallagher was his long-term girlfriend after the end of his first marriage, from which he has two adult children.

Speaking at his cottage near Sauchieburn, Stirling, Mr. Canavan said: "I can confirm Brigid and I have been living apart since March. We are Mill friends and still see each other occasionally, I wish her all the best and I've just got to ing to get on with my life.



ways Boeing 757s almost col-lided as they "stacked" over Biggin Hill in Kent. Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, last night insisted that air travel is still safe.

"If you're a nervous flier, as I am, there are no signals really that are consoling, but it is still one of the safest forms of transport," she told BBC Radio 4's PM programme.

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between neighbours put a TV performer in court

A TELEVISION comedian had no witty one-liners in a showdown in a narrow country lane. Eddie Large was also without his usual comedy partner, Syd Little, Instead he found himself in a double act with a neighbour in an argument over who should give

way.
The comedian with a jovial public image went to the boot of his car, took out a golf club and started attacking the Range Rover driven by Robert man. He man side, included back, front and side, included the windscreen and smashing the window, a court was told. Mr Gorton drove off and

called the police. Yesterday Large - charged under his real name Edward Hugh McGinnis - pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage when he appeared before magistrates in Weston super-Mare. He was granted a 12-month conditional dis-

charge and ordered to pay £1,657 for the damage to his victim's car. The sentence was greeted

with dismay by the Automobile Association last night. A spokesman, Adrian Ruck, said: This is sending completely the wrong message to motorists. This was an illadvised and totally idiotic attack. It seems like a very lenient ruling given the cir-cumstances. There are a minority of motorists out there who cannot keep their temper. They must now realise that if they do lose their rag with other drivers, the consequences can be severe.

The court heard that the comedian's wife, Parsy, had become distraught after an argument with Mr Gorton, 53, on the lane near the couple's mansion at Clapton-in-Gordano near Bristol. Brian Pixton, for the prosecution,



Little said last night: "You may see us on Crimewatch"

days later and faced each other in their cars. He said: "Mr Gorton said Mr McGinnis was swearing and pointing his finger and was clearly angry. He reversed and parked and Mr McGinnis parked next to him. Mr McGinnis went to the rear of his vehicle and took out a golf

dub, an iron. "Mr McGinnis smashed the rear of the vehicle. Mr Gorton reversed, but Mr McGinnis came to the front of the car and hit the windscreen with the iron. Mr Gorton said, What the hell is going on? and the car was attacked on the near side. Mr McGinnis smashed the driver's window."

John Sinnott, for the defence, said that relations between the neighbours had deteriorated over the past two years. "His wife, Patsy, had been verbally abused by the man. Patsy was so upset she burst a blood vessel in her eye." He added that, on the day in question. Mr McGinnis wound down his window and asked why Mr Gorton had been abusive to his wife. Mr Gorton responded by abusing McGinnis as well.

"Mr McGinnis parked his vehicle and got out of his car and went to get his walking stick, which he needs for his arthritis. Mr Gorton started reversing. Mr McGinnis maintains to this day that as far as he was concerned, it was

reversing towards him.

"He picked up his golf club and he hit the back windscreen. He was in a panic and acted in fear and struck more than one blow.

"In this case it would be difficult to persuade the bench that it was not one strike too many. Mr McGinnis is upset and was very sorry for what had taken place. He has



offered to pay for the damage. There was considerable provocation. He is just about the unlikeliest person on earth to

act this way." The magistrate, Thomas Ward, ordered McGinnis to pay £141 for car hire and £40 costs in addition to the compensation. He said: "You will not be punished today, but if you commit any other offences you will be dealt with for this offence and any other." McGinnis said later: "They

were very fair. They had taken all the facts into account. Now I'm going to have to get my golf club from the police. We have been looking for somewhere else to live in the Bristol area. I feel vindicated."

Mr Gorton and his wife, Jill, kept horses on land which bordered the McGinnises' property, neighbours said yesterday. They claimed that Mrs McGinnis's "inability to reverse a car" had led to frequent clashes. A neighbour.

who asked not to be named, said: "Mr Gorton is not the only one who has trouble with the Larges. That lane is long and narrow and there are only a few passing places.

Anyone driving down it

knows that, if they meet Patsy. they will have to do the reversing, even if she is a yard past a passing place. Sometimes it can mean having to reverse a long way back and in the end you get fed up with it.
This is what happened

The comedian's partner Syd Little, said last night: "We haven't got any TV appearances lined up, but you may see us on Crimewatch."

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Paisy got angry and stormed

back to the house to find

Eddie. Eddie came out and

gave Mr Gorton a mouthful.

Mr Gorton probably said

something pretty strong in

Bailiffs sell off £12,000 car for £30 fine

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN returned from holiday to discover bailiffs had seized her car, which she estimates is worth £12,000. and sold it to recover an

unpaid £30 parking fine. Helena Prinse, 32, was in Australia when her special edition Range Rover, with a personalised number plate and £700 CD player, was taken from outside her home in Barnes, southwest

London. The car, which also contained Versace sunglasses. CDs and a child's seat. was then sold without a reserve price at auction in Croydon for £8,100. After the auctioneers' and bailiffs' fees have been paid, Mrs Prinse expects to receive £7,100. She says the contents of the car are missing and that she is still waiting for the money.

"It's disgusting I just cannot believe I have been treated like this."

The mother of two, who runs a fashion retail company, was given the ticket after parking in Mortimer Street, Westminster, last October. "I never saw the ticket or received the reminder."

"The first I knew about the ticket was when I received a letter from CCS Enforcement Services in Croydon. on July 31, asking for £156 to pay for the fine and administrative costs. I contacted the bailiffs and offered to pay the whole bill by cheque. They refused to accept the cheque and wanted a postal order. I was going on holiday a day later and told them I didn't have time to get a postal order. I asked them to bear with me for three weeks. At no time did I say I wouldn't pay.

"I live in a large house in Barnes. It was obvious I could afford to pay the bill. And who in their right mind would knowingly allow their car to be sold off rather than pay £156?"

After Mrs Prinse left for her holiday in Australia on August 2. a letter was deliv-ered to her home telling her to pay the fine by August 11 or the car would be sold. She returned home on August 25 to find it had gone.

"I called the police think-ing the car had been stolen until I discovered the bailiff's

Even if this is legal, it is morally unforgivable. For a £30 parking ticket it should not be right that bailiffs can take a Range Rover. I have been very upset. I have had so many sleepless nights."

CCS Enforcement Services declined to comment. A spokesman for Westminster City Council said that the council had carried out its statutory duty to pursue the fine. He said three letters had been sent to Mrs Prinse demanding payment, on December 14. January 18 and March 20. The last letter warned that the case was going to court and that the bailiffs could be sent in.

People have plenty of opportunity to query the fines." the spokesman said. "If a driver doesn't want to be penalised they should not park illegally in the city of Westminster." He added: Mrs Prinse has ignored notices on a number of occasions, this is not the first time. It is a serious matter which should be dealt with properly and quickly."

Lottery winners go on strike over unpaid leave

Thirteen women who won £300,000 each are taking action against their council employer, reports Alexandra Frean

THIRTEEN women who stayed in that her father was dying, Mrs their jobs with a London council Kelly took Il'2 days' leave to care lottery win are going on strike next week in a dispute over the amount of compassionate leave granted to one of them to care for her dying

The women, who were among 33 members of Camden council's homeless persons unit who won £304,724 each in the lottery in January last year, said at the time that they did not have the sort of jobs "where you can just get up and walk out". Their clients, they said, depended on them.

Despite their stated commitment decided to stage a five-day strike. starting on Monday, with the full backing of Unison, their union.

Philomena Kelly, 41, who has worked for the council for 18 years. When she learnt earlier this year

The dispute centres on the case of

despite sharing in a El0 million for him in a hospice. Some 2'2 days of this were taken as unpaid "special leave" and as time owing. The council insisted that she take the remaining nine days as part of her annual holiday, despite her request that it be counted as unpaid

special leave. Although 11 of the council syndicate's other lottery winners have decided not to join the strike, at least 20 of the 38 who work in the unit have expressed their support for her request and are expected to join the action.

David Eggmore, the assistant to their work, the women have branch secretary of Camden Unison, said: "Not all the strikers are lottery winners. People do not decide to strike because they have money in the bank." Mr Eggmore said that the council had acted unsympathetically over a matter that ought to have been resolved

through negotiation. "It is almost as if the council would have preferred that she leave after winning the lottery," he added.

So incensed is the union over Mrs Kelly's treatment that even Rodney Bickerstaff, its general secretary, was moved to intervene yesterday in an appeal to the council to change its mind. This is a disgraceful way to treat a loyal, caring worker. Philomena did not abandon the people she cares for when she won the lottery. Now, when she needs the support and understanding of her employer, she's being treated harshly. I ask Camden to reconsider its treatment

The council, which won a Charter Mark last year for the quality of the unit's customer service, remained unmoved last night. A spokeswoman said that, as it had allowed Mrs Kelly ten days' be-reavement leave after her father's



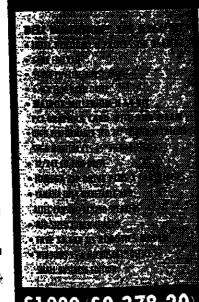
Philomena Kelly, second left, with Margie West, Christine Winter and Maria Martinez, some of the 33 workers from Camden council's homeless persons unit who shared £10 million

had a had back and two days' special unpaid leave to be with her sick mother, it believed it had acted

death, three days dependency leave to care for her husband when he have treated our member of staff fairly and sympathetically and there was no question of her being denied the right to see her dying

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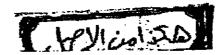
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New technique helps widow give birth

A 37-YEAR-OLD widow has become the first woman in Britain to give birth to her dead husband's child using a revolutionary fertility treat-The woman, who has asked

to remain anonymous, gave birth to a healthy daughter three years after her husband died of resticular cancer. The couple had been trying to have children for four years when the man became ill. As he embarked on chemotherapy and after he had given his written permission for his

sperm to be used if he died,

doctors took three vials of his

sperm and froze it. Kamal Ahuja, the scientific director of the private Crom-well IVF centre in the Cromwell Hospital in London, where the woman was treated, said vesterday that the baby had been born in an NHS hospital within the past three weeks. "It has brought a lot of happiness to the woman, her family and her late husband's family. There is a lot of joy around." he said. There is a

Daughter conceived using dead man's sperm stresses importance of consent when a man is fatally

able to have more children appropriate in cases where the using the same method. Dr Ahuja said that the sperm is weak - her husband's sperm were weak because he had undergone chemotherapy." Dr Ahuja

baby's successful birth represented an international breakthrough. The woman is the first in Britain, possibly in the world, to have given birth after conceiving from a dead man's sperm using the intricate intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) technique. which takes a sperm and punctures the shell of the egg to fertilise it.

Two vials of the husband's sperm were unsuccessfully used in traditional insemination attempts, where the semen is injected into the entrance of the womb. When she was down to her last vial. we told her that we needed to use a more precise method.

ill, reports Alexandra Frean The ICSI technique is more

> Of the ten eggs that were successfully fertilised, six resulted in normal embryos. Three embryos were transferred and the remaining three have been stored for possible future use.

Although an ultrasound scan early in the pregnancy revealed that the woman was expecting twins, one of the embryos was reabsorbed.

When news of the woman's pregnancy was revealed in January, at least 15 news organisations offered to buy her story but, concerned about

how media attention might affect her during her pregnancy, she turned them all down.
"When she lost the second

embryo, she became concerned that she might lose the first as well. I think that is why she did not want to speak about it to the media." Dr Ahuja said. He added that the woman was happy for the fact of her pregnancy and of her haby's birth to be reported as a way of raising public awareness of the importance of gaining written consent from men suffering from fatal illnesses for their sperm to be used after their death.

The woman's case contrasts with that of Diane Blood, who fought last year for the right to have a baby using the sperm of her dead husband, Stephen. After Mr Blood developed meningitis, two sperm sam-ples were taken from him as he lay in a coma in a Sheffield hospital. After his death his wife was initially refused the right to use the sperm for fertility treatment because he had not given his written

consent for the procedure — as



Diane Blood: hoping for a similarly happy outcome after winning her court battle

required by the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryology

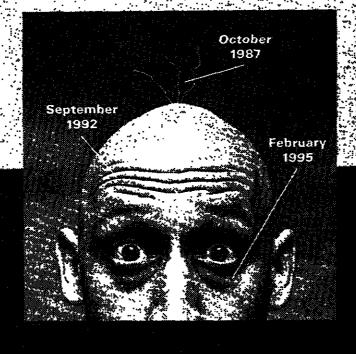
Earlier this year Mrs Blood won the right to take the sperm for treatment elsewhere in Europe if a hospital was willing to undertake the procedure. Mrs Blood is being assessed for treatment at a

private fertility clinic in Belgium. Mrs Blood, 30, from Worksop, Nottinghamshire, is required to undergo counselling before any medical treatment can begin. During the sessions she will be asked about arrangements for bring-ing up her baby — especially alternative male role models.

A friend of the family said "It's important that Diane is well before she embarks on treatment. She was exhausted after the court battle."

The Department of Health is expected to publish the results of a review of the consent requirements in such cases later this year.

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Warning for surgeon who let daughter help him out

BY RICHARD DUCE

his 16-year-old daughter to always mattered most to me. help him during an operation was warned about his future conduct yesterday by a hospital disciplinary hearing.

Michael Williams, a vascular surgeon, also agreed to apologise to the patient on whom he operated at the Mayday University Hospital in Croydon, South London, tha, a work experience student, held a skin retractor. He is expected to return to work at the NHS hospital on Monday. All work experience students will be banned from operating

theatres at the hospital. The patient, who does not wish to be identified, has already indicated that he would be happy to let the matter rest once Mr Williams apologised. He knew nothing of what happened until he was called back to the hospital. where managers explained the incident to him and his

He is still within his rights to complain to the General Medical Council where Mr Williams, of Kenley, Surrey, could face further disciplinary action. A spokeman for Croydon Community Health Council said last night: "If he wishes to take the matter further after today's hearing then that option is open to

The patient's charter clearly states that the patient must be asked if they are prepared to allow medical students to participate in any surgery. This would also include people on any type of work

Mr Williams was called before the disciplinary tribunal to explain during a threehour hearing why he had allowed his daughter to assist in the operation while she was seconded to the hospital from school on work experience last

July. He emerged from the hearing to issue a statement given him an oral warning. through a representative from the Medical Defence Union. "! am very disappointed at the result of today's hearing. I the affect the incident had have been a surgeon at May on her. My friends have been

A SURGEON who allowed the care of my patients has "My greatest disappointment is that these circumstances have taken me away

from my work. This has been a very difficult time for me, but I have been overwhelmed by the extent of the support that I have received from my patients, hospital colleagues and local GPs who have inundated while his daughter, Saman- me with letters and phone calls. I have found this a great

"I would like to thank my colleagues and my family who have been a great strength. I am now looking forward to getting back to my patients." He said his daughter had been "extremely stressed" by recent

The tribunal consisted of Keith Ford, the hospital's chief executive, and Karen Oliver, director of personnel. Mr Ford said in a statement last night: "Although work experience students have not been prohibited from theatre areas, at the time of the incident their presence was not unusual there. Nevertheless, Mr Williams should not have allowed his daughter to assist in the operation holding a retractor.

"I would like to stress that no harm has come to any patient. However it is important for public confidence that incidents are dealt with correctly and openly and that appropriate disciplinary action is taken.

"Mr Williams is an excellent

confidence in his ability to continue to provide a high standard of care for our patients." Mr Williams was suspended from the hospital once the incident came to light but

continued to work with private

surgeon and we have total

patients at the nearby Shirley Oaks Hospital Last night Samantha Wil-liams said she was very pleased for her father. "He just rang us and said they had which is the lowest penalty he

could have got." day University Hospital for very good about it, actually six years and during this time. That is all I will say.



Michael Williams at the Mayday Hospital yesterday. where he agreed to apologise to the patient involved

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Me new Tarzan, and I'm no ape

It's still a jungle out there, but the he-man

has turned into New Man. Dalya Alberge

reports from the Venice Film Festival

TARZAN has become a New Man. Political correctness has Man. Pointeal correctness has caught up with his jungle, paradise. He no longer kills animals and his mate, Iane, does some of the fighting, in the biggest of three films being made about the Lord of

This is a Tarzan for the 1990s, and Jane is a modern woman, said Greg Coote, president of Village Road-show Pictures, which is leading the revival of one of the t-known legends of popular fiction. "It went away for a while, but it's back."

He believes the new popularity reflects worldwide con-cerns for the environment and the rainforests. In the \$25 million Tarzan: Jungle Warrior, the hero will not have to stab a vicious crocodile in a swamp or strangle a crazed lion. Jane will not just stand helplessly in the face of danger.

The hero will be played by Casper van Dien, whose first major role is in The Starship Troopers. Mr Coote said: "He's built not like Arnold Schwarzenegger but is just a fit young guy. And great looking. Jane will be played by Britain's Jane March, who appeared in *The Lover*. Steven Waddington, who starred in the BBC's *Ivanhoe* adapta-

tion, is a villain.

The story has been adapted from Tarzan and the Lost.

City of Opar, and will use more than 100 compater generated images recreating scenes such as a swarm of hear source. bees saving Tarzan from a

Obra.
There have been more than



New Tarzan: van Dien is just a fit young guy

Rice Burroughs created his action hero in 1912, turning to writing after numerous unsuccessful jobs. He produced some 25 books about the son of an English nobleman abandoned in the jungle as baby and brought up by the apes. The stories have been translated into more than 56 languages, and there are 21,000 pages devoted to him on the internet.

Johnny Weissmuller, the former Olympic swimming champion who changed from his bathing costume to a loincloth for a series of films. remains one of the bestknown Tarzans. The most successful recent example was Christopher Lambert in the

hero remains well-known. Mr Coote said that the British distributor, First Independent, conducted some Tarzan research in London: "It was incredible. They found 95 per

cent awareness. Village Roadshow Pictures. is an Australian company with a base in Los Angeles. Within the past two years, they have entered into partnerships with the actor Dustin Hoffmann in producing films, and with Warners in co-owning British multi-plexes such as the Warner West End in London. Their forthcoming films include The Blouse Man, starring Anna Paquin, the Oscar-winning girl from The Piano, which is shooting at the moment. They hope that their Tarzan film will be released in

Britain in May.

"It's going to be spectacu-lar," said Paul Davis. of Village Intermedia Pictures, a joint venture with VRP, who is attending the Venice Film Festival to handle a rather different project — the inter-national licensing for Woody Allen's new Deconstructing Harry. Mr Davis added: This is going to introduce a new generation to the character of Tarzan."

Two other forthcoming films insprired by the Tarzan stories are planned by the Walt Disney stable. The British songwriter and performer Phil Collins is composing a score for an animation feature based on the novel Tarzan of the Apes. It is his first full film score. Disney refused to release any details about the



The old Tarzan: Johnny Weissmuller, former Olympic swimmer, ready to swing into action with his co-stars

cern about rivals pirating their ideas. It is not scheduled for release until 1999.

The advantage of animation, said a spokeswoman, was that the actors and crew

about hazards such as malaria and water-snakes. Their second film is a lightweight comedy loosely inspired by Tarzan, and could represent an even newer man. It is called George of the Jungle.

It is hard to guess what Burroughs — who died in 1950 - might have thought of a politically correct Tarzan, although he might well have approved because of his con-

once said: "I wanted my readers to realise that man alone of all the creatures that inhabit the Earth is the only creature that derives pleasure from inflicting pain on other

road accident outside Banbury. Oxfordshire, died when they were struck by an oncoming car, police said. The motorist, named as Melvin Rat-ledge, 36, had stopped to check torist was treated for shock.

The real Monty is more than just a comic strip year-old bloke started slagging us

In the city jungle, some modern men don't even have loincloths, writes Peter Foster

THE job is better paid than a milkman's, has less routine than a postman's but is less challenging than fixing air-conditioning units. Stripping can be an easy way to make a living, but only if you have the physique, the tan and chutzpah

In the new British film comedy, The Full Monty, which goes on nationwide release this weekend, six unemployed Sheffield steelworkers bare their beer bellies and pigeon chests to raise a few quid and escape the daily insult of registering at the city's job club. Real-life professionals have similarly humble backgrounds, but they have to rely on more than

novelty value and the desire of women to see their menfolk make idiots of themselves.

Jonny Moon gave up work as a milkman in the Midlands to join the Dreamboy troupe more than five years ago. He remembers his audition in a now-defunct London arrived, ten or 12 of the guys were rehearsing. The choreographer stopped the music, told the guys to sit down, and then turned the music back on and I had to dance. It was terrifying but I went for it, all or bust, and it worked."

Another of the Dreamboys, Richard Adams, 25, was a post-man, and Alex Micallef, 22, joined



The Dreamboys include a former milkman and postman

after studying psychology and computing. He said: "I could sympathise with the characters in the film who were so nervous before going on stage. On my first performance, the boys had to

throw me out there and block the doorway so I couldn't get back. I was terrified and ending up strip-

ping far too quickly."
Other Dreamboys have had less difficulty finding the courage.

conditioning technician, said: "Why should I be embarrassed? I They can earn up to £20,000 a

year from touring and television appearances — a relatively small sum, but the job includes a number of expenses-paid trips ahroad and as many ego-massages as any 20-something male could reasonably demand. While a Dreamboy can rely on

women for adulation, he often finds men much less complimentary. In the The Full Monty, one of the toughened steel-workers dismisses the Chippendales as poofs", an experience with which all the Dreamboys identified when they saw the film premiere. "You wouldn't believe the jealousy," Richard Adams said. "We did a

show last night in which some 60-

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YOUNG SAVERS! £1+ MATURED FUNDS ACCOUNT off." But unlike the characters in The Full Monty, a diet of lager, rigarettes and Mars Bars is strictly forbidden to professionals.

These men exist on low-fat tuna. chicken and pasta. A few pints of lager might be allowed at the weekends if they behave themselves. Maintaining biceps, triceps and pectorals also means three or four tough sessions in the gym

As for going "the full monty", the fictional lads of Sheffield have the on the Chippendales and the Dreamboys. dancers may take off everything. including their G-strings, but there is always a strategically placed half a coconut or a policeman's hat for cover. Jonny Moon said: "We like to leave something to imagination."

NEWS IN BRIEF Council dismisses clerk on £71,000

A town council clerk who was discovered to be earning E71,000 a year has been sacked for gross misconduct. Michael Wheaton, a former leader of Humberside County Council. was clerk of Goole council in east Yorkshire, where the recommended salary was about £23,000. He had been suspended on £36,000 for six months before his dismissal, which followed an eight-day hearing. He is expected to appeal. Earlier this year police launched a separate inquiry. A file is beign considered by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Jailed for fight

Two men were jailed for a year at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, for taking part in a fight at Paddington sta-tion between Millwall and Bristol City football fans. John Kilgannon, 22, of Southwark, southeast London - who had not been at the match — and Steven Tear, 37, of Sidcup, had denied violent disorder.

Killer escapes

A convicted murderer who married in jail is on the run with a waitress he met while at work in a pub on day release, police said. Peter McCluskie. 34, who would soon have been eligible for parole and had been on a rehabilitation project, was reported missing from Wealstun prison, west York-shire, after his Tuesday shift.

Two die in crash

A motorist and a cyclist who had been involved in a minor that the cyclist, Paul Jelfs, 41, was all right. The second mo-

Crooks by hook

Burglars took several hours to steal 15 knitted jumpers worth more than £1,000 from a shop by hooking them from a display unit with a stick pushed through the lenerbox. Staff at Serana Ladies Fashion in Romsey, Hampshire, said that the material would not have been easy to hook with-out damaging it.

RNLI lifesaver

A retired teacher has just ought her second lifeboat. Olive Stone, 92, paid £11,500 for a rescue inflatable to be based at Whithy after saving £61,500 to pay for a new boat for Aberystwyth last year. The RNLI has named both hoats after Miss Stone, of Barnsley, who now intends to buy a

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Activists 'sent out guides on DIY anarchy'

FIVE anarchists and animal rights activists devoted their lives to inciting people to violent action, from burning lorries to sending explosive devices through the post, a court was told yesterday.

Four were editors of a

magazine called Green Anarchist, whose mail order service sold the illegal material that gave instructions on how to carry out attacks. One book told how to use a condom and a cigarette lighter to make a bomb which could blow out the windows in a room, gave advice on the best catapult for breaking shop windows and explained how to put etching fluid in a "squeezy" bottle.

Boots, Ladbrokes, McDonald's, butchers' shops, military bases, laboratories and "the animal abuse industry", Richard Onslow, for the prosecu-tion, told Portsmouth Crown

He said: "They all wanted criminal damage to be done. They devoted their lives to it. It was full time, it was their occupation. It was not a hobby, it was not a joke.

This is about spraying graffiti, sling-shots through butchers windows paintstripper on cars, etching fluid on forry windows, burning forries, burning buildings and sending explosive devices through the post."

Noel Malland, 36, of Okehampton. Devon. Paul Rogers, 33, of Southsea, Hampshire, Steven Booth, 38, of Calgate. Lancashire, Saxon Burchnall Wood, 24, of Sandhurst, Berkshire, and Simon Russell, 33, of Pevensey, East Sussex, deny conspiring together, and with Robin Webb, press officer of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), to unlawfully incite peoples unknown to commit criminal damage between January 1991

and January 1996. Mr Onslow said: "Each defendant did this for his own needs. Some are committed anarchists, others have committed full-time views about

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animal rights, others have and was animal liberation strong views about environmental issues, road-building and so on. This is not about free speech, it is about inciting others to criminal damage."

All five were linked through the magazine of which Mr Rogers became editor in March 1991. It signalled a change of policy and he wrote that it was now free "to become a more unrestrained advocate of direct action". His "survival" section carried in-structions on how to place siege spikes to stop vehicles getting into fields, how to make a medieval weapon used to stop horses and how to construct chain spikes.

"Green Anarchist magazine actively promoted direct action, actively promoted books and magazines about it and gave encouragement and information about how to do it." Mr Onslow told the jury.

Mr Booth was the magazine's North West contact and the author of another magazine called Lancaster Bomber. "He was another full-time

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committed anarchist, an armchair revolutionary working this magazine," said Mr

He ran a column entitled "Diary of Community Resistance", which listed incidents of direct action on battery farms, butchers' shops, hunt kennels and slaughterhouse lorries throughout the

Mr Molland, who graduated from Plymouth University in 1993, also founded his own magazine, called Eco Vegan.

editor of Green Anarchist. He wrote an article parodying the Janet and John children's books, "instructing the most simple-minded how they could break windows". It described the characters driving down a road at night and firing a ballbearing from a catapult at a butcher's window. "Janet and John have

very naughty."

Mr Burchnall Wood ran the magazine's mail order service. One book available, Urban Attack, featured a man in a balaclava holding a Molotov cocktail. It was "a primer for direct action", detailing - in its own words - "ways to hit the animal abuse industry where it hurts".

Material included instructions on making giant Molo-tov cocktails and a step by step guide to making a bomb from a cigarette lighter and a con-dom. A guide to disabling a lorry involved using superglue for the locks, sand in the fuel tank, wire cutters, paint, a screwdriver, a lawyer's bodkin for "stabbing tyres of any size with minimum noise and energy" and a potato to put in

the exhaust pipe.
In a book entitled Into the 1990s with ALF, instructions were given on how to make an incendiary device for use inside stores, with a cigarette packet, a cheap watch. a soldering iron, timer and matches. Other instructions featured incense sticks to make an hour-long fuse for a bomb of inflammable liquid stored in plastic bottles and soaked into sponges.

Mr Russell ran the ALF supporters' group and passed information to Green Anarchist. He put on the Internet details of the activities of a group called the Justice De-partment, which sent calendar-tube bombs to a number of targets. "The Justice Denartment are in effect terrorists." said Mr Onslow.

The hearing continues on



worth up to £3,500 a year.

Mr Turner said that his

departure had been agreed in

May, more than two months

before the plans were un-

veiled, after the company de-

cided to split the commercial

director's position into sepa-

Ian Buchan, rail director of

First Bus, owners of Great

Eastern, said: "We supported

Mike in the scheme and we

still stand by it. We certainly

are not dropping it." However,

the company had enough ap-

plications from unemployed

people and part-time workers

rate jobs.

Rail chief who called for Tree pest lured commuter guards quits

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE railway director pilloried over his plans to introduce "commuter guards" on trains is leaving Britain for a job abroad, but he insisted last night that he had no regrets

over his idea. Mike Turner provoked controversy last month by calling on commuters to act as parttime guards on their way to work in return for free travel.

He is leaving Great Eastern trains next month for a managerial post in the Far East but denied that he was being forced out because of the uproar. He said that the railway industry would take on the radical idea "when everything has calmed down".

Mr Turner was forced to justify his plan to John Prescott, the the Transport Secretary. The proposal prompted about 250 applications for

ate on a handful of peak-time part-time guards' jobs that the company claimed it could not fill before the commuter trains running to London from the Essex coastal towns of Harwich, Clacton and Walscheme was announced. Mr Turner said: "The timton-on-the-Naze. Commuters would have been paid for two hours, and have free rail travel

ing might have been wrong, because there are difficulties with unions who are about to ballot over industrial action. But at another time, I'm certain there would be more support within the industry and that this will happen."

The RMT union is balloting members across the country over the possibility of industrial action in protest at plans to introduce part-time posts. Mr Turner conceded that

better assurances should have been given that training would be to the same standard as that given to full-time guards.

The commuter guard scheme was planned to oper-

into sex trap

SCIENTISTS are hoping the lure of sex can help to threatens to ravage Britain's six million acres of commercial timber plantations.

An emergency pest control operation has been mounted from the north of Scotland to Cornwall after the discovery of 20 spruce bank beetles at the Shotton Paper Mill in North Wales. Voracious and fast breeding, the eight-toothed Ins typographus, also known as the engraver beetle, particularly likes the

Norwegian spruce that is popular for Christmas trees. Roddie Burgess, head of plant health care for the Forestry Commission, said: We are extremely concerned because it is regarded on the Contintent as the most aggressive of the bark beetles. It them to certain death.

is very, very destructive. We have a sophisticated quarantine system to intercept them. What is particularly wor-rying is that timber came from a British pine forest, raising fears they have got through our safety nets and

are establishing breeding col-

Mr Burgess said more than 100 forestry sites would have to be scrutinised for signs of the beetle. Once a colony has been identified forestry workers erect a 5ft high pipe impregnated with a chemical cocktail. This fools the male beetles into believing it is a distressed tree and they attack it, falling into a trap from which they cannot escape. Once inside they omit their own sex scent to attract females which follow







Tree pest lured? into sex trap

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It may be beautiful, but it certainly isn't sport

NO DOUBT about the image of the week. It looked rather like a frog about 95 per cent of the way through turning into a princess: a lengthy lady, nicely assembled and inverted, dad mostly in enormous rubber (lippers and a pair of goggles: Clearly, however, a lady more goggled at than goggling. e sport. For this was

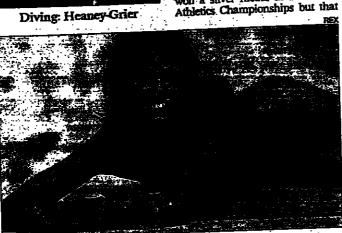
Mehgan Heaney-Grier setting a new United States free diving record by plunging 165th beneath the Floridian waves. She also works as a model. Don't they all?

Arma Kournikova is a 16-yearold tennis player. She has a £4 million contract with Adidas and is
outd a bonus every time her picture
appears in the papers in Adidas
clothing. Which is often, for the
baby-faced Kournikova is a comely baby faced Kournikova is a comely child and newspapers, like Oscar, can resist anything except temptation. Once again, sex rears its

pretty head... Or rather, it doesn't. As the US Open tennis tournament approaches the end of the first week, we learn that, if Kournikova sleeps with her boyfriend in New York, he could be charged with stanutory rape, which carries a maximum nce of ten years in prison.

The boyfriend is Sergei Federov. an ice hockey player with Detroit Red Wings. An obliging prosecutor said: Mr Federov had better watch his step, or more to the point, his hands." Which stood the story up nicely and cleared the way for yet another picture of Kournikova.

A couple of weeks ago, the British heptathlete Denise Lewis created a story of her own. Lewis won a silver medal at the World



Posing: the diver lists another of her attributes as modelling

Simon Barne's believes that increasing use of the glamour card is a bonus for

the spectator, but not for the athlete



Stripping: Lewis

think I am doing it on purpose."

Perish the thought. She reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon this year

but was then hammered by

Martina Hingis, also lo. Hingis

was afterwards questioned about the rivalry. What rivalry? she

said. "I beat her." But Kournikova

The glamour card is a growing

aspect of sport. A couple of years

ago at the French Open, Mary

Pierce played her tennis in a Linde

Black Dress. Neither she nor the

photographers were unaware of

the drama created every time she

It has come to something when

even gymnasts play the glamour

card. A change in the rules has

meant that gymnastics is no longer

the exclusive preserve of pre-

pubertal girls. At the Olympic Games last year, Svetlana Boginskaya, "the sphinx from Minsk", competed at the age of 23.

Her lascivious floor exercise, an

exhibition of the art of reeling and

leant forward to receive serve.

still gets her fat contract.

Clinging: Destivelle

was not the story. She posed naked for a sports magazine, Total Sport, but with a British team running kit painted on her skin. "I'm game for almost anything," Lewis said. "You only have one life, so why not live it dangerously at times?"

A more advanced school of thought would see this not so much as living dangerously as making a sound, cautious and conservative career move. Sport is increasingly big business, its participants famous as never before, and richer as never before. The winning double of sporting achievment and beauty unlocks the hearts, minds and purses of the world.

Kournikova is a very good tennis player, but by no means a great one. She went out in the second round of the US Open this week and her opponent, Irina Spirlea. said afterwards: "It's frustrating to see the attention she gets." Kournikova said disingenuously: it's not my fault if people write about me. I don't want them to

writhing and fainting in coils, was. to say the least, unambiguous. There is no telling where sex will break out next. In this country, climbing is seen as something to do with beards, Damart underwear and 14 pints of Theakston's, But it has become a seriously sexy sport in France, where a lady in skinnight Lycra named Catherine Destivelle

tive and animal". The succes fou of the last Olympics was beach volleyball. The sport has always been big in naturist films with titles such as Take Off Your Clothes and Live. The Olympics brought all this up to date, and more or less sanitised, in hot-lava Lycra and sunblock.

was described by a friend as "a

wild-haired beast, primal, instinc-

Sharron Davies, the former Olympic swimmer, has always traded on her looks as well as her power through the water. Two years ago, she put together a calendar of half-dressed sportswomen. It raised £10,000 for the Sports Aid Foundation, also quite a iew hackles. These were not action shots of women who happened to be attractive, but out-and-out "glamour" photographs.

Naturally. Davies was unrepen tant. There is a huge drop-off rate among girls in sport at 16. If we can stop talented girls leaving sport through making it sexy, it can only be good in the long run."

The sexy sportswoman is not exactly a new idea. We can trace a line from Gorgeous Gussie Moran, through Chris Evert to Steffi Graf. We can recall lovingly the great Katarina Witt, the East German ice-skater. But the trend they set in motion is gathering pace. Sport is about competition: beau-

ty is only a by-product. Where the pursuit of beauty overtakes the pursuit of excellence, then sport and its spectators - have lost their way. For a spectator to concentrate more on beauty than ability is not unpardonable. But there is an evergreater temptation for the athletes themselves to make the same error.

The preening of Kournikova or Pierce is destructive of the single-mindedness required for sporting achievment at the highest level. This is the error that Graf never made, nor Witt. Many aspects of sport are beautiful, but the most becoming of all is excellence.

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Teasing: Kournikova is the tennis photographers' dream girl



Jumping: Boginskaya introduced sex to the floor exercises

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Single-sex education takes the laurels again

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

THIS summer's record pass rate is reflected in The Times GCSE league table, which is again dominated by girls schools. The top three schools all exceed the previ-

ous best performance. St Paul's Girls' School, Hammersmith, appears in first place for the third time in five years, with Birmingham's King Edward VI High School for Girls in second place. Withington Girls' School. in

top 50, compensating for the disap-pointing a placings for the state system at Alevel. The girls of Kendrick School, in Reading, are the highest-placed, at 27th, with Reading School the top-placed boys at

Single-sex schools again fill most of the top places. Sevenoaks School, in Kent, and Bancroft's School, in northeast London, are the only fully co-educational schools in the

Manchester, which topped *The Times* A-level table, is third.

Five state schools appear in the slightly this summer.

The percentage reaching A* rose by 0.2 points to 3.6 per cent and A grades were up by 0.3 points to 14

In independent schools; however, the proportion reaching A or A* rose from 43.3 per cent to 45.2 per cent. More than nine out of ten entries were awarded a C grade or better the equipples of the old O better, the equivalent of the old O

David Woodhead, national di-

rector of the Independent Schools Information Service, said: "By ev-ery measure, this year's results from independent schools have outstripped national performances and demonstrated the wisdom of parents' investment in independent

education." The table is not exhaustive. Some of the leading state schools have not submitted their results and not all private schools belong to Isis, which publishes results for the

independent sector. The top-placed comprehensive

comprehensive schools make it a national average of 3.6 per cent, impossible for them to compete with the selective grammar and independent schools which dominate examination league tables.

own record scores this year, as the GCSE pass rate rose again. The Government is to legislate to require local authorities and require local authorities and schools themselves to set annual loth to eighth. Cheltenham Ladies' targets for improvement at GCSE. College slipped from eleventh to

an increase of 1 per cent on 1996. The Isis list covers more than 40,000 candidates and most of the

nate examination league tables.

However, many bettered their own record scores this year, as the leading independent schools.

At the head of the table, big rises were registered by Oxford High School for Girls, which went from 20th to tenth place and South

was Haybridge High School, in Hagley, Hereford and Worcester, than 15 per cent of entries were in 348th place. All-ability intakes in awarded A* grades, compared with comprehensive schools make it a national symmetric of a factors of entries at A or A*. Where portion of entries at A or A. Where scores are level, positions are determined by the proportion at A*. Schools with fewer than 20 candidates are excluded from the table.

Independent schools' results were provided by Isis: state schools' results were collected by Christina Aware Owusu, Nazanine Vali and Ilfana Vali.

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) Haberdashers' Aske's Sch Borehamwood, Herts) Leeds Girls' HS Leeds, Yorks W Girls Colchester County High Sch, Essex GM Set Gir	Boys 170 92	34.8 25.7	70.8 70.8 70.4	226 St Francis' Coll Letchworth, Herts Girls 227 Dauntsey's Sch Devizes, Wills Mix 226 Truro Sch Truro, Cornwall Mix	38 116 114	15.0 14.5 13.7 16.6	47.0 47.0 47.0 48.9	413 Arts Educational Sch Tring, Harts Mix 414 Phymouth Coll Phymouth, Devon Mb. 415 St James Independent Sch for Boys Twickenham, Boys 416 Crambrook Sch, Crambrook, Kent GM Sel Mix	39 · 72	10,2 35.1 12.6 35.0 10.9 35.0 8.9 35.0	600 Newtends, Maldenhead, Berks LEA Comp Sirls 601 Claremont Fen Court Sch Earler, Surrey Mix 602 Worksop Coll Worksop, Notts Mix 603 Bishop Luffa Sch, Chichester, W Sussax Vol Comp Nik	174 6.8 24.7 58 6.6 24.7 63 5.4 24.7 209 5.9 24.6
Ming's Sch Chester, Cheshire Boys Henrietta Barnett Sch, Hampstead, Liin LEA Se I Sheffield HS Sheffield, Yorks S Girls Banczof's Sch Woodford Green, Lond NE Mix	89 104	31.0 32.7 27.1 29.7	70.0 69.5 69.5 69.4	229 Eitham Coil London, Lond SE Mix 230 Queen's Gate Sch London, Lond C Girls 231 St Leonards-Mayfield Sch Mayfield, Sussex E Girls 232 Luckley-Oakfield Sch Wokingham, Berks Girls	78 37 81 52	16.8 13.6 14,5	46.8 46.8 46.4	417 Poole Grammar Sch., Poole GM Sel Boys 418 Silverdale Sch., Shoffield LEA Comp Mix 419 Urmston Grammar Sch., Urmston, Trafford GM Sel Mb	144 184	8.0 35.0 7.7 35.0 12.0 34.9	604 Tetterhall Coll Wolverhampton, W Mids Mix. 605 Fetarborough & Margarets Sch for Stammore, Girls 635 Teams Consent Sch Stamper Stammer W 445	45 2.6 24.6 20 4.1 24.3 25 2.9 24.3
Chettenham Ladies' Coll Chettenham, Glos Girls Lady Eleanor Holles Sch Hampton, Lond SW Girls King Edward VI Camp Hill Sch, Birmgham GM 1 St Mary's Sch Cahre, Wills Girls	142 97 Sel Girls, 98	29.1 26.8 24.3 23.6	69.2 69.0 68.8 68.8	233 Strewsbury Sch Shrewsbury, Salop Boys 234 New Hall Sch Chetnsford, Essax Girls 235 Dean Close Sch Chettenham, Glos Mix 236 Streatham Hill & Clapham HS G Landon, Lond C Girls	151 61 91 59	12.1 15.8 14.0 11.9	46.4 46.2 46.2 46.2	420 Wirral Grammar Sch. Bebington GM Sel Boys 421 Hasmoneta High Sch. London GM Comp Witt 422 Dover Grammar Sch for Boys, Dover, Kent GM Sel Bo 423 Bastock Place Sch London. Lond C Mix		9.9 34.9 11.6 34.8 8.4 34.7 8.0 34.7	607 Jerrish Free Sch, London GM Comp Nitz 608 Malder Erlogh Sch, Earley, Reading LEA Comp Nitz 609 Sacred Heart Or Mary Ghis, Esset 6Mt Comp Girls 610 Adam's Grenners Sch, Newport, Stropatine GM Sei Soya	25
Malvem Gals' Coll Malvem, Herwords Girls Reading Sch, Reading GM Sel Boys	72 104	26.4 25.7	68.7 68.7	237 Birkenhead Sch Birkenhead, Mersey Boys 238 Skinners Sch, Kent GM SEL Boys 239 Dr Challoner's GS, Amersham, Bucks LEA Sei Boys	94 108 192	17.7 13.2 11.0 6.5	46.0 48.0 46.0	424 Brentwood Sch Brentwood, Essex Mix 425 St Gerards Sch Bangor, Wales N Mix 426 Hoty Trinity Coll Bromley, Lond SE Mix	194 48 41 30	7.8 34.7 17.1 34.8 7.6 34.5 2.5 34.5	611 Strabene Grammer Sch, County Tyrone LEA Sel Mix 612 Penglatis Sch, Aberystryffi, Caredigion LEA Sel Mix 613 Battle Abbey Sch Battle, Sussex E Mix 614 Roseal Sch Fleefwood, Lanca Mix	171 8.2 23.9 22 4.8 23.9
: St Mary's Sch South Ascot, Berks Girls Mercham Taylors' Sch tor Girls Liverpool, Mersey Downe House Thatcham, Berks Girls I Sch of St Helen & St Katharine Abingdon, Oxon G	82	26.9 30.5 22.4 22.6	68.4 68.3 68.3 68.0	240 Truso HS for Girls Truso. Comwell Mb. 241 Wells Cathedral Sch Wells, Somerset Mix 242 Dunottar Sch Relgate, Surrey Girls 243 Clifton HS Bristol, Bristol Mix	99 53 65	18.3 15.7 15.0	46.0 45.8 45.7 45.7	427 Cueen Ethalburga's Coll York, Yorks N Mix. 428 King's Soh, Grantham, Lincs GM Sel Boys 429 Lawrence Sheriti Sch, Rugby LEA Sel Boys 430 Colston's Girls' Sch Bristol, Bristol Girls	124 95	8.6 34.4 7.5 34.4	615 Yagol Gyton Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen LEA Sei Mix. 616 Blochen, Sch Berbury, Coon Mix. 617 St Andrew's Sch Bedford, Beds Mix.	67 5.5 23.8 94 6.3 23.7 51 4.5 23.7 34 7.5 23.5
Birkenhead HS Birkenhead, Mersey Girts Hulme Grammar Sch for Girls Oldham, Manch Ga Lancaster Royal Gram Sch, Lancaster GM Sel E	92 ds 59	30.6 29.5 27.5 24.6	67.8 67.2 67.0 66.8	244 Highclare Sch Birmingham, W Mids Mix 245 Kent Coll Pembury Pembury, Kent Girls 246 Christ's Hospital Horsham, Sussex W Mix 247 King Henry VIII Coventry, W Mids Mix	53 65 34 38 124 120	14.0 19.1 13.4 12.4	45.7 45.8 45.5 45.5 45.5	431 Stover Sch Newton Abbot, Devon Girls 432 St Edward's Coll Liverpool, Messey Mix 433 Weilingborough Sch Weilingborough, N'Hants Mix 434 Churcher's Coll Petersfield, Mants Mix	29 113 81 97	7.0 34.3 6.3 34.3 11.7 34.1 9.1 34.1 8.8 34.1	618 Bishop Herber RS, Malpes, Cheshire LEA Comp Mitx 619 Degla House Sch Notlingham, Notls Mitx 820 Ballard Coll-New Mitton, Hants Mitx 821 St Christopher Sch Leichwoth, Harts Mitx	171 6.7 23.6 25 6.1 23.5 28 11.3 23.4 46 6.5 23.4
Putney HS London, Lond C Girls King's Sch Canterbury, Kent Mix Wolverhampton Girla High Sch, W Mid GM Sei Abbey Sch Reading, Berks Mix	137	22.2 25.4 25.0	66.5 66.5	247 King Henry VIII Coventry, W Mids Mix 248 Stamford HS for Girls Stamford, Lincs Girls 249 Aylesbury Grammar, Bucks LEA Sel Boya 250 Biahop Wordsworth Sch, Salbry, Wilts GM Sel Boys	116 179	124 121 13.6 15.6	45.4 45.3 45.1	435 Prior Park Coll Bath, Somerset Mix 436 Sutton Valence Sch Maidstone, Kent Mix 437 King Edward VI, Five Ways, Birmingham GM Sel Boys	83 59	8.7 34.1 7.9 34.1 8.3 34.9	622 Cherwell Scfr, Oxford LEA Comp Mily, 623 Bishop Stortford High Sch, GM Comp Boys 824 Windsor Soys Sch, Whotsor, Barts, LEA Comp Boys	210 6.1 23.4 140 8.3 23.3 211 6.6 23.3
Ashtord Sch Ashtord, Kent Gats Wakefield Girls HS Wakefield, Yorks W Girls Newcostle-under-Lyme Sch, Staffa Max King Edward's Sch Bath, Somerset Mix	48 100 172 85	35.8 29.2 25.9 27.4	66.3 65.9 65.7 65.6	251 St Teresa's Sch Dorking, Surrey Girls 252 Tiffin Boys Sch, London LEA Sel Boys 253 Sacred Hourt Grammar, Newry, Co GM Sel Girls	54 118 122	123 122 9.9	45.1 45.1 45.0	438 Sir Thomas Rich's, Gloucester LEA Sel Boys 439 Our Lady's Convent Senior Sch Abrigdon, Oxon Gins 440 St Dominic's Priory Sch Stone, Staffs Mbx 441 Abbey Gale Coll Chester, Cheshira Mfx	45	8.0 34.0 11.2 38.9 10.7 33.9 9.1 33.8		122
Royal Grammer Sch Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne Norwich HS for Girls Norwich, Norfolk Girls Charterhouse Godalming, Surrey Mbx	Bays 136 105 132 98	24.3 24.5 25.3 24.7	65.5 65.3 65.2	254 Bruton Sch for Girls Bruton, Somerset Girls 255 Queen's Coll Taumton, Somerset Mix 256 Wycombe High, Bucks Vol Sel Girla	88 77 233 167	16.1 15.1 11.4	44.9 44.8 44.8	442 Forest Boys' Sch London, Lond NE Boys 443 Tauniton Sch Tauniton, Somerset Mix 444 Royal Sch Bath, Somerset Mix 445 Egisthourne Coll Eastbourne, Sussex E Mix	95 99 98 75	7.0 33.8 9.3 33.6 8.9 33.6 7.6 33.6	829 Slough Gremmer, Stough, Berks GM Sel Mitx 630 Dover Coll Dover, Kent Mix 631 Levent House Rosemead Chichester, Sussex W Girls 622 Mount Sch London, Lond NW Girls	36 4.2 23.0 27 7.3 22.9
I University Coll Sch London, Lond C Boys Bradford Grammar Sch Bradford, Yorks W Mitz Latymer Sch, Edmonton, London GM Sel Mitz Belvedere Sch Liverpool, Mersey Girls	96 138 183 70	23.2 22.3 29.9	65.2 64.7 64.7 64.8	257 Reinham Mark Grammar Sch, Kent GM Sel Mlx 258 Ipswich Sch Ipswich, Suffolk Mix 259 Mariborough Coll Mariborough, Wilts Mix 260 Catstor Grammar Sch, Lincs GM Sel Mix	75 144 90	12.3 14.8 11.6 8.2 14.0	44.4 44.4 44.2	446 Wychwood Sch Oxford, Oxon Girls 447 Howell's Sch Denbigh, Wales N Girls 448 Steemers Grandar Schl. Lincs GM Nix Sel	27 26 105	4.7 33.5 8.8 83.5 7.7 33.5	633 Yagol tileas Germon, Yr Wyddgrus, tilold LEA Sai Mbc 634 Thornton Coll Milton Keynes, Bucks Mbc 635 Llankijoes High Sch, Llankijoes, Powys LEA Sei Mbc	104 4.9 22.8 47 4.8 22.8 95 62 22.6
I Channing Sch London, Lond NE Girls i Notting Hill & Eding HS GPDS London, Lond NW i Oueenswood Sch Hatfield, Herts Girls ' Loswich HS Ipswich, Suffolk Girls	47 Girls 83 71 79	21.8 24.4 23.6 26.5	64.4 64.3 64.3 64.2	261 Famborough Hill Famborough, Hants Girls 262 West Kirby GS for Girls, Merseyalde LEA Sel Girls 263 Felsted Sch Dunmow, Essew Mix 264 Worth Sch Crawtey, Sussex W Boys	95 1 8 6 64 59	14,0 12.7 11.9 9.6	44.1 44.1 44.1	449 Oswestry Sch Oswestry, Selop Mix 450 West Buckland Sch Barnstaple, Devon Mix 451 St Antony's-Leweston Sch Sherborne, Dorsat Girls	55 68 49	10.7 35.4 8.3 33.4 6.6 33.4	836 Mariwood Sch, Alveston, Bristol LEA Comp Mix 837 Leighton Perk Sch, Kent Mix 838 Sunderland HS Sunderland, Tyne Mix 839 Caerleon Sch, Caerleon, Newport LEA Comp Mix	56 10.9 22.4 39 8.1 22.4 225 8.2 22.4
King Edward VI GramSch, Chelmsford, GM Sel Perse Sch Cambridge, Cambs Mr. Clitherge Royal Grammer Sch. Lancs GM Sel M	78 Dx 124	15.8 26.3 25.0	64.1 64.0 63.8	265 Royal Grammar Sch Worcester. Herworce Boya 266 Norton Knatchbull Sch, Ashford, Kent Vol Sel Boya 267 Birkdale Sch Sheffield, Yorks S Mix	133 120 72	14.8 12.3 10.0	44.0 44.0 44.0	452 Leighton Park Sch Reeding, Berks Mbx 453 La Segasse HS Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne Girls 454 Atheriey Sch Southempton, Hants Mix	56 56 59	10.9 33.3 10.8 33.3 9.2 33.3	640 Cleyelmore Sch Blandlord, Domet Mix 641 Howard of Ellingham, Ellingham, Surrey LEA Comp Mix. 642 King Edward's Sch Goldshing, Surrey Mix.	67 6.3 22.4 220 6.6 22.4 81 4.5 22.4
Newstaad Wood Sch, Orpington, Kent GM Sei (Portsmouth Grammar Sch Portsmouth, Hants Min Bury Grammar Sch (Gris) Bury, Lancs Min. Tiffin Girls Sch, Kingston Upon Thames LEA Se	138 120	22.0 19.3 25.0 18.3	63.6 63.2 63.0	268 St Elphin's Sch Matlock, Derbys Mix 269 Heckmonwilke Grammar Sch, W Yorks GM Sel Mix 270 Rugby High School, Warks GM Sel Girls 271 Hammond Sch Chester, Cheshire Mix	25 119 91 28	22.0 14.4 10.9 11.1	43.9 43.9 43.9 43.8	456 King's Sch Bruton, Somerset Mitx 456 Royal Sch Dungaration, N he Mitx 457 Park Sch for Girls Blord, Essex Girls 458 St Catherine's Sch Twickenham, Lond SW Girls	61 110 28 28	7.9 33.3 6.4 33.3 5.8 38.3 (1.6 33.2	646 Borden Grammer Sch, Kent LEA Sel Boys	53 4.8 <u>22.3</u> 111 4.3 22.3
Bromley HS Bromley, Lond SE Girls Stockport Grammar Sch Stockport, Manch Mix Bradford Girls' Grammar Sch Bradford, Yorks W (94 143 Garles 107	20.8 25.8 24.8	61.9 61.8 61.7	272 Polam Hall Sch Darlington, Durhern Girls 273 John Lyon Sch Harrow, Lond NW Boys 274 Weeld Of Kent GS, Tonbridge, Kent GM Sei Girls	52 78 118 129	21.2 8.8 11.9 11.8	43.7 43.8 43.5 43.4	459 Coloma Convent Girls' Sch, Croydon GM Comp Girls 480 St Ambross Coll Altrincham, Cheshire Boys 461 Hulme Gremmar Sch Oldham, Manch Boys	104	0.1 33.2 7.6 33.2 8.5 39.2 6.6 33.1	647 St Unsule,'s HS Bristol, Bristol Mix 648 Lady Macroera, Derbys GM Comp Mix 649 Farringtons and Strationd House Chistehurst, Lond SE Mix	229 5.3 22.2
i Bolton Sch (Girls) Bolton, Lancs Mbr Cween Mary's High Sch, Walsell Gilf Sei Girls Norwich Sch Norwich, Norfolk Boys Cheadle Hulme Sch Cheadle, Cheshire Mix	111 99 93 159	21.1 15.3 23.6 21.4	61.7 61.6 61.5 61.2	275 Arnold Sch Bleckpool, Lancs Mix 276 St Albam's Sch, Herts LEA Sel Citis 277 Hälleybury Hertland, Herts Mix 278 Queen Mary's Gram Sch, Walsell, W Mids GM Sel Bo	164 106	15.3 14.0 13.1	43.3 43.3 43.3	462 Ribston fiell High Sch, Globes GM Sel Girls 483 King Edward VI Grammer Sch, Louth, Lines GM Sel MI 464 St Joseph's Sch Keniworth, WWidde MX 465 Spalding High, Spalding, Lines LEA Sel Girls	23 144	8.2 33.0 7.1 83.0 6.6 33.0	850 Presentation Coll Reading, Barks Mix 951 Control of Sch., Vale of Glamorgan LEA Comp Mix 552 Yagof Gyfun Massyryffe, Carmerthershire LEA Sel Mix 953 Holy Family High Sch, Marseyalde Vol Comp Mix	51 6.5 22.1 187 5.5 22.1 120 6.1 21.9
! King's HS for Girls Wanwick, W'Wicks Glrls Maynard Sch Exeter, Devon Girls ! Sutton HS Sutton, Lond SW Girls ! St Cetherine's Sch Guildtford, Surrey Girls	86 68 90 75	19.7 19.1 22.2 19.1	61.1 61.1 60.9 60.9	279 Austin Frans Sch Carliste, Cumbria Mix. 280 Ripon Grammar Sch, Ripon, N Yorks LEA Sel Mix. 281 Bedales Sch Petersfield, Hants Mix. 282 Croham Hunst Sch South Croydon, Lond SE Girls	42 109 81 62	16.1 13.5 11.8 13.5	43.2 43.2 43.1	466 Invitor Grammar Sch. Maidstone, Kent LEA Sel Girls 467 Reading Blue Coat Sch Reading, Berts Mix 468 Lord Wandsworth Coll Hoot, Harts Mix 469 Ditcham Park Sch Petersfeld, Hards Mix	122 84 76 48	6.0 33.0 8.0 32.9 8.8 32.9 8.5 32.9	653 Hoty Family High Sch, Merseyside Vol Comp Mix. 654 Boston Grammar Sch, Boston, Lince Gm Sel Boye 655 St Joseph's Convent Sch Reading, Beriss Girls 656 Brentwood Urauline Convent HS Espec Gill Sel Girls	55 5.9 21.8 98 4.1 21.8 57 4.4 21.7 111 4.1 21.7
i Abingdon Sch Abingdon, Oxon Boys / Queen Margaret's Sch York, Yorks N Girls I Healthlield Sch Ascot, Berks Girls	137 63 22	23.2 24.5 22.7	60.8 60.7 60.7	283 Northamptonshire Grammar Sch, Northants Mix 284 St Bees Sch St Bees, Cumbria Mix 285 Oakham Sch Oakham, Leics Mix	20 40 167	13.5 18.0 15.0 13.5	43.0 42.8 42.8	470 Trent Coll Nottingham, Derbys Mfx. 471 King's Sch Glourester, Glos Mfx. 472 Levs Sch Cambridge, Cambe Mix.	114 38 71	8.8 32.7 8.3 32.7 7.7 32.7 7.6 32.7	657 Stoire Sch' Backinghern, Bucks Mbr. 658 Douel Sch Reeding, Berks Mbr. 659 Claire Court Sch Maldenheed, Berks Boys 600 Rastille Coll Leicester, Leics Mbr.	80 7.5 21.5 31 5.8 21.5 76 3.9 21.5
3 Sii William Perkins's Sch Chertsey, Surrey Girls Parkstone Grammar Sch, Poole, Dorset GM Sei I Dr Challioner's High Sch For Girls, Bucks GM S	el Girts 144	20.5 18.5 23.4	60.7 60.6 60.4	286 Bryanston Sch Blandford, Dorset Mitx 287 Red House Sch Lid Stockton-on-Tees, Tees Mitx 288 Tower Coll Rainhill, Mersey Mitx 289 City of London Freemen's Sch Ashtead Park, Surrey Mit	134 34 27 x 106	12.9 14.4 10.3 15.1	42.8 42.8 42.8 42.5	473 Clifton Coll Bristol, Bristol Mix. 474 Elizabeth Coll Guernsey, Cliffic. 475 Selestan Coll Farmborough, Hants Boys 476 Westlord Grazonar Sch for Boys, Wastord GNI Comp Boy	86 78 pa 162	7.4 32.7 9.5 32.5	561 Hotmes Chapet Sch. Cheshire LEA Comp Mix 662 Feithroome HS, Macolesfield, Cheshire GM Comp Mix 1 863 Wartin Coll Sheethers, Clar Mix	58 . 5.3 21.1
! Whitgit Sch South Croydon, Land SE Boys I King Edward VI Handsworth, Bhath GM Sel Girl I Cundle Sch Peterborough, N'Hants Mix I Woodford County High Sch, Redbridge LEA Se	179	21.3 19.3 23.1 25.0	60.2 60.2 60.1 60.0	290 British Sch in The Netherlands HMC 291 Burgess HM Sch Burgess HM, Sussex W Girls 292 Folkestone Sch For Girls, Folkestone GM Sel Girls 293 Retyate Grammar Sch Regate, Surrey Mix	74 67 131 108	10.4 14.8 13.3 10.8	42.5 42.3 42.3 42.2	477 Wisbech Grammar Sch Wisbech, Cambs Mix 478 Llandovery Coll Llandovery; Wales S Mix 479 King's Sch, Peterborough GM Sel Mix 480 Kestaven and Grantham Ghis Sch, Linca LEA Sel Girla	47	79 325 78 321 02 320 62 320	665 Brooks Weston CTC, Corby, Northerts Comp Mix 1 665 Sandbach High Sch. Cheshire Comp LEA Girls 1	157 5.2 21.1 182 4.2 21.1 181 8.0 21.0 202 7.0 21.0
SI Peter's Sch York, Yorks N Mix Casierton Sch Kirkby Longdale, Cumbris Mix Peter's Grammar Sch, Cheltenham, Glos GM Se Cny of London Sch London, Lond C Boys	98 47	27.4 19.7 22.1 20.4	59.6 59.5 59.1 59.1	294 St Albans Sch St Albans, Herts Mix 296 Southend HS for Girls, Southend, Essex GM Sel Girls 296 Albrinchem GS, Albrinchem, Cheshire GM Sel Boys	95 128 146 35	9.6 7.68 14.3 9.1	42.2 42.1 42.1 42.1	481 Kirkham Grammer Sch Preston, Lancs Mix 482 Southend HS for Boys, Southend, Espex GM Sel Boys 483 Fort Pitt Grassmer Sch, Chathaim, Kest LEA Sel Girla 484 St Maur's Sch Weybridge, Surrey Mix	84 129 118	ED 2001	667 Eaton (City of Norwich), Norwich LEA Comp Mite 2 668 Wilslow High Sch., Wissow, Cheshire LEA Comp Mixed 1 669 Pockington Sch York, Yorke E Mix. 670 Parmiter's Sch., Gerston, Herts GM Comp Mixed 1 671 Kelly Coll Taylstock, Devon Mg.	64 4.7 21.0 182 4.3 21.0
Roedean Sch Brighton, Sussex E Girls Lancaster Girls' Grammar Sch, Lancaster GM S Chetham's Sch of Music Manchester, Manch Mix	70 Sel Girls 95	23.9 23.4 29.4	59.0 59.0 58.9	297 Leicester HS for Certs Leicester, Leics Girts 298 Bury Grammer Sch Bury, Lancs Boys 299 St Mary's Coll Liverpool, Mersey Miz. 300 Downside Sch Bath, Somerset Boys	108 92 55	9.1 8.9 14.1	42.0 42.0 41.8	485 Durham Sch Durham, Durham Mitx 496 Kimbolton Sch Huntingdon, Cambs Mitx 487 Millifeld Sch Street, Somerset Mitx	52 92 238	8.0 31.7	672 Kings Monkton Sch Cardiff, Wales S Mbx	54 1.8 21.0 30 5.2 20.9 48 4.1 20.9 128 5.7 20.8
Red Maids' Sch Bristol, Bristol Girls Francis Holland Sch Clarence Gate London, Lond Francis Holland Sch London, Lond C Girls Brighton & Hove HS Brighton, Sussex E Girls	30 84	22.2 17.9 20.2 16,4	58.9 58.6 58.5 58.5	301 St Mary's Sch Colchester, Esser Girls 302 Dertford Grammar Sch, Dartford, Kent GM Sel Boys 303 Chekenham Coll Cheltanham, Glos Mix	52 140 110	7.3 11.4 16.0	41.8 41.7 41.3	488 St George's Coll Weybridge, Surrey Mix 489 Bullers Wood Sch, Christiehurst, Kent GM Sel Girts 490 Thompe House Sch Norwich, Norfolk Girls 491 Townley Grammats Sch, Bedsyheath, Kent LEA Sel Girt 492 Liverpoot Coll Liverpoot, Messey Mix	173 1 40	90 31.5 52 31.6	674 Alsager Sch, Alsager, Cheafter LEA Comp Mixed 2 675 Sauny's Sch, Samerset GM Comp Mixed 2 676 Sauny's Sch Hesiemers, Surrey Sirk. 677 Crickwell High Sch, Crickwell, Pony's LEA Set Mixed 678 Friends Sch Seifron Walden, Essex Mix	41 3.3 20.6 25 2.1 20.5 97 7.1 20.4 35 3.2 20.4
King Edward VI Camp Hill Sch, Birmghim GM S Mercham Taylors' Sch Liverpool, Mersey Boys 9 SI George's Sch Ascot, Barlis Girls Dame Alice Harpur Sch Badtord, Beds Girls Dame Alice Harpur Sch	el Boys 93 106 54 106	22.0 21.0 16.5 20.8	58.4 58.3 58.2 58.0	304 St Nicholes' Sch Fleet, Hants Mb; 305 Crossley Heath Sch, Halffan, W Yorks GM Sel Mix 306 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar Sch Blackburn, Lancs Mb; 307 Kingsley Sch Learnington Spa, W Wicks Mix	60	11.9 10.3 13.3 16.3	41.3 41.3 41.1 41.0	400 Lb. cateles int Call Li-canala, Duranau M. 650	69 68	81 315 96 314	680 Guidford County County, Surrey GM Comp Mixed 881 Brust Brust Sch County, Surrey GM Comp Mixed 1	102 4.7 20.2 53 4.4 20.2 74 2.9 20.2
Talbot Heath Sch Bournemouth, Dorset Mix Dulwich Coll London, Lond C Boys Manchester HS for Girls Manchester, Manch Girls Sutton Coldfield Girl's Sch, W Mikilands LEA S	59 199 114	17.9 17.7 16.2 14.9	57.8 57.8 57.8	308 Str Roger Maxwood's Sch, Sandwich, Kent GM Sei M 309 Gresham's Sch Holt, Norfolk Mix St Anne's Sch Windermere, Cumbria Mix. 311 Ayleabury Hign Sch, Bucks LEA, Sel Girls	ix 97 117 37 180	13.0 11.2 11.2 11.0	41.0 41.0 41.0 41.0	494 King's Sch Rocheuter Rochester, Kert Mitt 495 Bishop Vesey's GS, Sutton Coldfield Vol Sei Boys 498 Uppingham Sch Uppingham, Leics Mb. 497 Forest Girls' Sch GBA London, Lond NE Girls 498 King Edward VR Sch Littlam, Lancs Boys 499 Emhusst Ballet Sch Cambetey, Surrey Mix	96 55 77	84 318 74 313 82 31.1 82 31.1	692 John Taylor High, Burbair on-Trent LEA Comp Mbt. 693 Nellsaa Sch, Neilsae, North Someret LEA Comp Mitod 684 Sele Grausiant Sch, Sele LEA Sai Mibred 685 Forthemere Sch, Muswell Hill, London LEA Comp Mbr. 2 695 Forthemere Sch, Muswell Hill, London LEA Comp Mbr. 2	84 6.3 20.1 84 5.3 20.1 88 4.3 20.1 13 8.6 20.0
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Gifts for fellows secure future of all-female college

Bestselling author and Hong Kong benefactor help to preserve St Hilda's status, reports David Charter

THE uncertain future of the last all-women Oxford college looked more secure yesterday after two donations to help to preserve its unique status.

St Hilda's was given £100,000 by Dame Catherine Cookson, the author, who was said to be thrilled at the college's recent decision not to accept university-funded male academics.

The college also disclosed

vesterday that £700,000 had been pledged by Pauline Chan, a Hong Kong benefactor, to fund existing female fellowships in economics and

St Hilda's, which narrowly rejected the appointment of male academics in a vote in April, remains short of fellows in chemistry and engineering.

A fully endowed permanent fellowship costs about El million, but Dame Catherine's donation could be used for a Beale Fellowship, a five-year appointment named after the college's founder.

Dr Chan's gift will enable economics and physics fellows to be funded for the next ten years. The benefactor, who is governing director of Haking Wong Enterprises in Hong



Cookson: has recently made gifts of £700,000

Keng, has a long-standing association with St Hilda's College, where she set up the two fellowships 15 years ago.

Senior college members had argued for men to be admitted for the first time in its 104 year history because of the college's difficulty in funding female dons in key subjects. They refused to rule out a further vote if the shortage of fellows

Dame Catherine's gift has been made "with no strings

attached". The 91-year-old bestselling author was contacted by the college in 1982. but decided to become a benefactor after April's profemale vote.

"My gift to St Hilda's, which for use at the college's discretion, is to indicate my support for women in education," Dame Catherine said yesterday. "I understand how hard women have had to strive for the right to be educated and how much it takes to achieve, even nowadays, particularly when one comes from a disadvantaged background.

"I have written a number of stories on this theme and wish to encourage environments in which women can flourish as students and scholars."

Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, principal of St Hilda's, said: Dame Catherine's gift could benefit the college in a number of ways. We shall be considering an appropriate use at our first governing body meeting of next term. We cannot, of course, guarantee that St Hilda's will be able to maintain its current position as an allfemale college in perpetuity." The donation is the third



announced in two days from the author, who is bedridden and unable to read or write because of an hereditary blood disorder, although she still dictates her stories on to tape.

Sunderland University was given £100,000 towards the development of its St Peter's campus and the Catherine Cookson Reading Room, and In recent months Dame the Royal Victoria Infirmary Catherine has also donated

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defend that course if the stay is then

in Newcastle upon Tyne will receive £200,000 for research into gastro-intestinal dis-

£250,000 to save the Harton Gallery in Newcastle and £50,000 to help former servicemen who became ill after being involved in nuclear

Discount customer cheated **Tesco of** £8,000

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

TESCO was criticised by a magistrate yesterday after a customer swindled the supermarket group of ES,000 with a loyalty card.

Dean Maddison, 24, from Exeter, was the second signa-tory on his girlfriend's Club Card Plus account and was issued with his own card. But the only information he had been asked to give was his name. The couple should have paid El5 a month into the account, which could be spent in the store and would entitle

them to discounts. Maddison found he could use the card at Tesco filling stations, even though he had no money in his account. The 270 filling stations were not connected to the main computer where credit information was stored.

Yesterday the magistrate. who sentenced Maddison to 240 hours' community service, described it as extraordinary that Tesco procedures could have been so slack. Maddison bought eigarenes and petrol worth more than £8,000 from garages across the South of England over a period of three

John Parkin, chairman of the bench at Exeter Magistrates' Court, said: "It seems extrordinary that Tesco could have started operating this

card. It is a very serious offence, even if the store concerned was slack with their procedures. You carried on deliberately for no less than 164 occasions."

Maddison was ordered to repay the £8,317 that he admitted stealing at the rate of £30 a month, which will take him 23 years. Peter Seigne, representing Maddison, criticised Tesco for making only minimal checks on applicants. He said: The amount of detail they asked was his title. Christian and surname. That was as far as Tesco made inquiries into the second cardholder's financial circumstances."

Tesco has since changed its procedures and all its filling stations are linked to computers in its 568 stores. The chain said that Club Card Plus application forms now required far more information.

Don wins battle over Cambridge promotions secrecy

By DAVID CHARTER

A CAMBRIDGE lecturer passed over for a professorship has won a legal battle to force the university to change its "unfair and secretive"

selection system. Gillian Evans, a medieval history don, said she was delighted at the High Court ruling, which gives the university a vess to make the the university a year to make the necessary changes.

Dr Evans has campaigned for three years to make senior academics more accountable by giving the reasons for their rejection of candifor the coveted post of

professor. Promotion means a salary increase for lecturers from £29,000 to £41,000, as well as enhanced career prospects.

Dr Evans, whose work is widely published, said: These people have the power to give people a very prestigious title and a great big salary rise without having to be accountable to how they hand out these gifts.

The judge has given the university the chance and the time to get its house in order. But I realise it is unlikely to do my own case any good because promoting me or not has become a political issue. In the

judgment, which was published this week, Mr Justice Sedley said: "For unsuccessful candidates, it is of great importance to know why they have failed ... Occasionally it would become apparent that the

decision-makers have misappre-

hended or overlooked something relevant." He added: "The giving of reasons demonstrates that proper care has been taken over something of critical importance to the standing

and career of each candidate." The judge granted Dr Evans leave for judicial review but stayed

reviewing its procedures, which could lead to new posts being created. A review at Oxford last year led to the creation of more than 100 new titular professorships, the proceedings to allow the univer-

which conveyed the title without sity to amend its ways. He added: "1 extra salary. do not want this to be regarded as a "In some respects this is a victory sword of Damocles held over the for Dr Evans, but we were already head of the university. It has every

going through the procedure of reviewing the appointments system," the Cambridge spokeswomlifted. Equally it may wish, by an said. "We have been actively continuing upon its changed course considering the system of profesor by further modifying it, to put itself beyond such criticisms. sorships for two years and a final judgment will come out in June A spokeswoman for Cambridge 1998, after a vote by all members of said the university was already

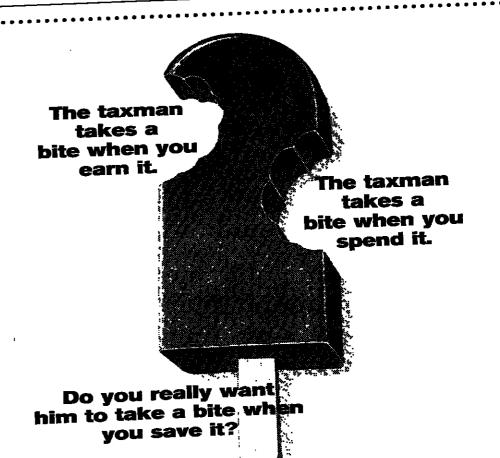
the university."

She added: "It is hoped that it will lead to an extension in the number of professorships, but at the same time it depends on funding."



Gillian Evans: delighted





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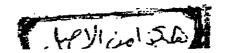


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Catholic Churchis ready to be born again

Tide of decline has been turned back after 25 years, writes Ruth Gledhill

THE Roman Catholic Church could be on the threshold of a worldwide remaissance, according to two sets of statistics published this week.

Countering the prophets who have predicted doomsday for a decliping church with few members and fewer priests, the latest Vatican surver of ordinations shows a brisk rise in the number of men becoming priests worldwide. And after a week when thousands more youngsters than excepted turned up in Paris for a Papal Mass on World Youth Day, a survey in-5 cuthampton has uncovered a surprisingly large number churchgoing Catholic

The rise in the number of ordinations is nowhere near sufficient yet to offset the huge losses caused by priests leaving to marry, live a secular life. or by those who die. Europe lost 00,000 in 25 years. But compared with the 1970s. when there were thousands more losses than ordinations, the situation has reversed and is offering signs of hope for the Church.

In 1905, the latest year for which figures are available. there were 280 more ordina-



Senior clergy who gathered to see the Pope last week will be encouraged by news that the number of priests has risen

tions than losses. According to the Vatican newspaper l'Osservatore Romano, the overall number of priests in the world has gradually decreased from 451,000 in 1970 to 405,000 in 1995, but the biggest drop took place in the 1970s and there has been almost no fall in the 1990s.

The numbers of priests are increasing in Africa. South America and Asia but are still falling in Europe. Defections from the priesthood have more than halved, from 3.414 in 1970 to 1.121 in 1995.

In countries where ordinations are increasing, the number of Catholics is rising at an survey among parishes in even faster rate. In Italy there Southampton showed that a third of Catholic teenagers are now 980 Roman Catholics to every priest but in Brazil the attended Mass each week. ratio is 8.000 to one, with countering the common view nowhere near enough priests to meet the demand for daily that youngsters were not interested in churchgoing.
One fifth said they went to
Mass once a month. But.

In Britain there were 89 while the survey found eviordinations in 1989 and 76 in 1994 although the number of dence that churchgoing had a diocesan priests fell from 4.719 strong influence on their morto 4.400 over the same period. als and beliefs, nearly all the While few are expecting an 500 teenagers questioned disagreed with the Catholic increase in ordinations here. Church's stance on birth there are signs that the exodus from the priesthood is slowing control and numbers of new priests

are remaining steady. The

According to the Catholic Herald, it is now incorrect to

talk of a crisis in the Church. Whenever two or three middle-aged Catholics are gathered, the subject guaranteed to unite them in misery is that of the lamentable state of the youth generation," the paper comments this week. Then what happens? In the stilling heat of Paris in August, a million young people of efful-gent faith and Christian commitment gather to celebrate the Eucharist offered by a frail and elderly Pope . . . the future is in the hands of today's young people - and judging by those in Paris, it should be Credo

On a country walk, God is the best companion

John Haldane

FOR 30 years, the British nature artist Hamish Fulton has made art about the experience of walking in the landscape. His activity is usually solitary and often carried out in remote places, occasionally wildernesses. He also produces photographs and texts recording his journeys or expressing thoughts along the way. One such text

Rock, fall, echo, dust As with the walking journeys themselves, this spare utterance has something oriental and quasi-religious about it, like the disciplined rituals of Zen artists.

in recent years there has been a marked increase in the practice of walking: walking for sport, for health and stress relief, and cross-country and hill walking for leisure. Part of the explanation of this interest is a concern to decelerate the pace of life, to disengage from motorised, high technology existence. Another is the belief that the quiet experience of nature offers confirmation that the world is imbued with value.

Reflective activity set apart from daily business. ordered by ritual and marked by reverence for nature: this is indeed characteristic of a religious outlook. But it is not confined to the East nor to ideas influenced by Zen. Tao or

New Age pantheism. Gerard Manley Hopkins was born in 1844 to a High Church Anglican family. In October 1866, at the age of 22, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church by John Henry Newman. Two years later. Hopkins joined the Jesuits.

Like Fulton, he kept diaries and notebooks recording his experiences of landscape. Hopkins's artistic quest was for an authentic voice in which to express his recognition of the specialness of nature. In Spring. he writes: Nothing is so beautiful as Spring -/ When weeds, in wheels. shoot long and lovely and lush.

Fulton's simply ordered life also suggests images of medieval mendicants, such as the followers of St Fran-

cis, who rejected urban materialism for holy poverty and an intimate relationship with nature. Or again there is a reminder of medieval pilgrims such as trekked across Europe to Santiago de Compostela or to St Andrews, to revere the missionary apostles, them-selves "holy walkers".

But there is something very different about the contemporary desire for walking in the landscape. Even though it often expresses a spiritual sensibility, it generally lacks focus. The passing countryside seems as if we and it were made for one another, yet that thought is idle without a belief in creation. Similarly, the idea that nature is imbued with meaning calls out for explanation, in the absence of which it invites dismissal as indulgent sentimentalism.

For St Francis and Hop kins, however, to walk in nature is to move within the sphere of God's creative activity. St Paul writes of

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how God's invisible nature may be clearly perceived in the created world (Romans i), but like the power of locomotion that of perception may grow weak.

St Thomas Aquinas holds that all men seek God, and the current interest in walking may be part of an unrecognised pilgrimage. It is worth considering again the focus of Hopkins's clear-sighted vision of nature, this time

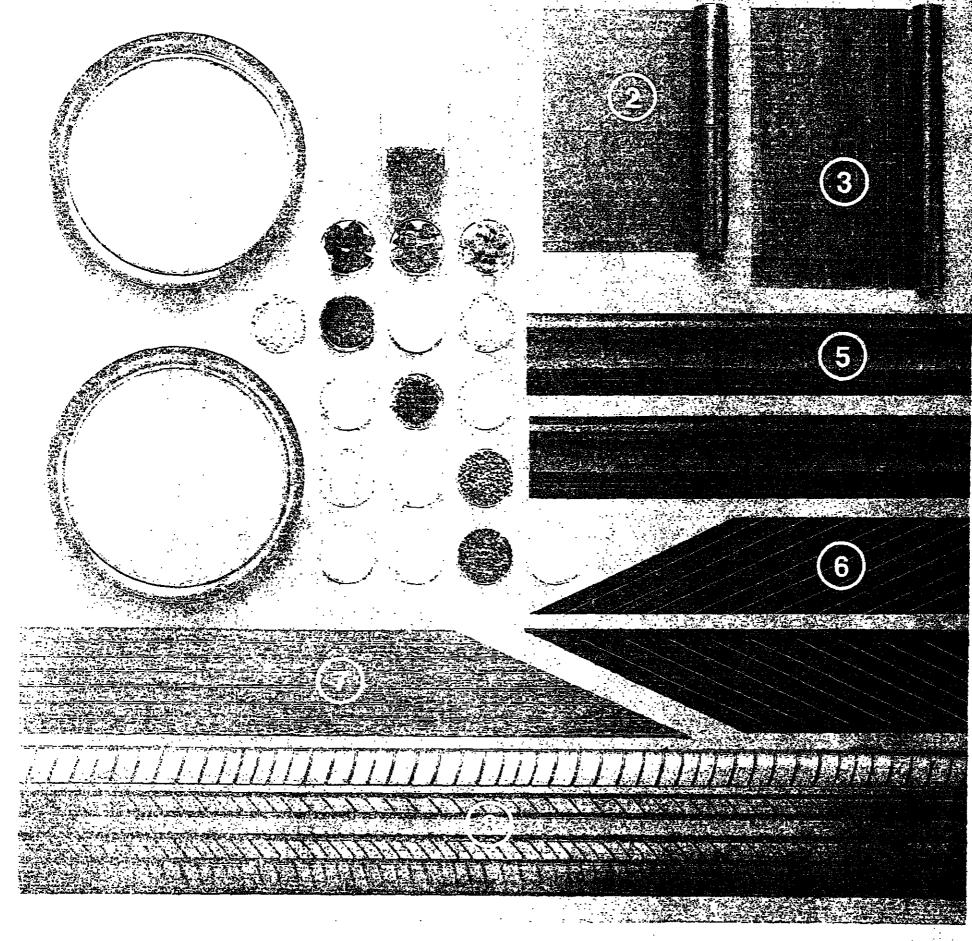
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- Make an airtight inner liner by rolling outy. rubber into a wide thin layer and trim. This will ensure your tyre rises nicely and doesn't go fial.
- 3. In a calendaring machine, make body plies to form the tyre's carcass. The carcass gives the tyre its strength and also cushions you, even on roads lumpler and bumpler than German custaro.
- With brass-coated steel cords, form a circle to make the tyre "beads". These will make sure your lyre sits securely on the wheel runs. 5. Take two strips of rubber and form the outer sidewalls. These protect tyres from
- bangs and scrapes, and the chemicals added earlier help reduce the harmful effects of exone and the sun. (Our engineers hate to see their pride and joy looking anything less than perfect.)
- 6. Now cover brass-coated steel with number to make belt plies. Place under the tread, to provide longer life and a better shape. Not what you normally associate with German cooking.
- 7. Make the cap plies by embedding nylon in rubber to form a bandage over the bett plies and under the tread. This improves high speed handling and stability.

8. To make the tread, add chemicals and stir into the basic rubber compound. Heat and pass through an extruder.

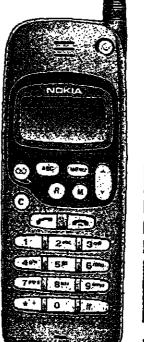
You'll now need your tyre building machines: Combine the bead, Inner liner, carcass, sidewalls, belt plies and tread. Spray the outside of the tyre with lubricant and the inside with silicon.

Place in a vulcanising mould and cook for 10 minutes at 150°C and 12 ber of pressure. Remove and leave to cool. You've now made a. very tasty Continental tyre.

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criminally damaging a wall at Hyde Park Corner on Bank Holiday Monday. They were ordered to pay £100 compen-

Laurie Bridges, 21, with her hands over her face

Two jailed as Cyprus tackles tourist crime

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

admitted burglary in Cyprus were each jailed for four months yesterday. Judges on the Island gave warning of tougher sentences to tackled crimes committed by tourists. most of whom are from Britain.

Georgina Fields, 25, and Laurie Bridges, 21, both from Birmingham, sobbed as they were escorted by police from Larnaca court to begin their sentences in Nicosia Central Prisons. They had pleaded guilty to burgling a house near Larnaca and stealing £650, jewellery and children's clothing. Spiros Kittos, 23, Bridges's Cypriot boyfriend, was also jailed for four months for receiving the stolen goods. Fields has dual British-Cypriot nationality.

They had already compensated the owner, but Judge Michalis Christodoulou said such a serious offence needed

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TWO British women who a deterrent. The fact that you are women makes no difference," he told them.

This week Mr Chrisrodoulou has fined five Britons for filing false theft claims and a Stockport couple for making a bogus rape complaint in an attempt to make money from their holiday insurance. He also fined a 19year-old British soldier stationed on the island for buying a mobile phone he knew was stolen.

The Cyprus police force has dealt with about 400 false insurance claims this year. most of them involving Britons. Most are easily caught: items reported stolen or lost are often found by police in the tourists' hotel rooms. After sentencing two Brit-

ons on such charges on Wednesday, Judge Christodoulou said that the spate of fraudulent theft claims was damaging Cyprus's image as

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destination, and wasting police and court time.

The problem the Cyprior police have is in sorting the grain from the chalf. So many tourists have cried wolf about being rubbed that genuine victims are also suspected. This week Panicos Hadji-loizou, the island's police chief, ordered an investigation into allegations by British tourists that detectives had bullied them into signing faise confessions that they

On August 19, after spending four days in police custo-

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dy. Andrew Esquiant and Lester Brown, both 19, from Bickley, south London, were each fined £280 on charges of attempting to make a false insurance claim for property they said was stolen.

When they returned to England they said police had threatened them with long prison sentences if they did not confess. But a day after they were taken into custody. Mr Esquiant's credit card was reported to have been used in a local shop.

More serious are claims by a Stockport mother of four that the police forced her into signing a confession that she had filed a false rape charge to make money from her holiday insurance. Susan Warburton, 30, and her boyfriend, Paul Shearsmith, 26, were each fined \$400 on Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of public mischief and conspiracy. They could have been jailed for a year. Police are investigating their



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Magistrate releases graffiti vandals

A MAGISTRATE yesterday took the rare step of bringing back to court and freeing two young Dutch tourists whomhe had jailed on Tuesday for daubing graffiti on a subway

Roger Davies, the senior stipendiary magistrate at Horseferry Road Court, told the first-time offenders: "I have asked for this case to be listed before me this morning because I have thought about the matter." He added: "I hope the point is now made. They have been in custody now for five days and have surely learnt their lesson."
He revoked the 28-day

sentences on Marcel Loeffen, 18, a business student, and Indra Mutsaers, 21, who is unemployed. Instead he fined them El00 each, with the option of a nominal day's imprisonment, effectively free-

them: "People who come to London must learn that we don't want people daubing our walls or monuments or other. discussed this with my colleagues and they have ap-

Poisoned prisoners sue water company

FOURTEEN Dartmoor prisoners have been granted legal aid to sue a water company after they contracted salmonella poisoning (Simon de Bruxelles writes).

The men fell ill in August 1995. An investigation by environmental health officers concluded that a leaking sewage pipe was the most likely source of the outbreak.

The men's solicitor, Derek Reed of Woollcombe Beer Watts, a Newton Abbot firm that specialises in personal înjury claims, said yesterday: "It is a complex case and we are still contemplating the next step. We did not go into this fishing for compensation from South West Water. Initially it looked as though lack of hygiene inside the jail was to blame. It was the report by West Devon Borough Council that pointed us in that direction.

South West Water has written to the solicitors saying that it is satisfied that it was not to blame for the outbreak A spokesman for the company said: "We have received a claim for compensation. It was passed on to our loss adjusters and the upshot is we are denying liability." A spokesman for the Pris-

on Service said that it was unable to comment while legal proceedings were being considered.

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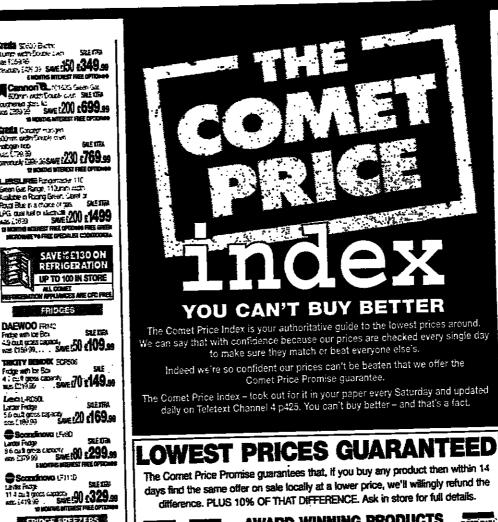
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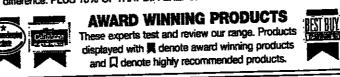
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IN MONTSERRAT

THE malevolent volcano of Montserrat stealthily claimed more victims vesterday as plans were drawn up to shrink the Caribbean island's safe zone further and move the British Governor's offices to makeshift huts in the north.

Under the latest expert advice of scientists, local authorities in the tiny British colony are intending to move the safety line from the Nantes River northwards to Runaway Ghaut, a valley near woodlands, affecting the lives of up to 800 residents, including David Brandt, the recently elected Chief Minister.

The decision will create more overcrowding on a 39square-mile island which has lost two thirds of its infrastructure, its port and Plymouth. the capital, in the two years since the Soufriere Hills volcano awoke from four centuries of slumber.

Under the proposal, which has yet to be announced to the 5,000 islanders who still remain on Montserrat, a coastal strip of luxury homes will be left in territory deemed unsafe from the spewing mountain. The move for Frank Savage. the Governer, will be the third for the Governor's staff since the volcano erupted in 1995.

Based on new hazard assessment by the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, which itself will be moving monitoring operations further north in the coming week, the plan has upset many, including David Hodd, an architect who has lived in the island for 27 years. "I am not moving. I don't think it is unsafe," Mr Hodd said. "And where would I move to, anyway?"

Like so many others on Montserrat, he remembers the time when this Caribbean pearl was a paradise untainted by the high crime rates and ubiquitous package tours that have plagued many of its

It was a playground for rock stars such as Sting, the Rolling Stones and Mark Knopfler, all of whom cut albums at the famous Air Studios, the recording centre built by Sir George Martin, the Beatles

The studios and 98 per cent of the island's housing stock were severely damaged by Hurricane Hugo in 1989, but Montserrat neverthelsss reEDGE OF DISASTER

As the volcano forces more into a shrinking safe zone, many on Montserrat believe there are few signs of a coherent policy by Britain

mained a luxury destination Although the Labour Government has agreed a £41 million package of assistance, many for those in the know. "It was lively every night," said Margaret Wilson, a native of islanders believe it is not Sunderland who moved to the enough. The local Governisland ten years ago to run The ment, brought to its knees by the volcano, forcing the resig-nation of Bertrand Osborne, Nest, a drinking haunt frequented by the rich and famthe former Chief Minister, has ous. "You never miss a Friday demanded more money from night out and you got to know all the stars."

Her Montserrat husband, Britain, arguing that the mother country has failed in Danny Sweeney, even taught Sting how to windsurf and still its responsibilities.

Whitehall organised a partial evacuation after George

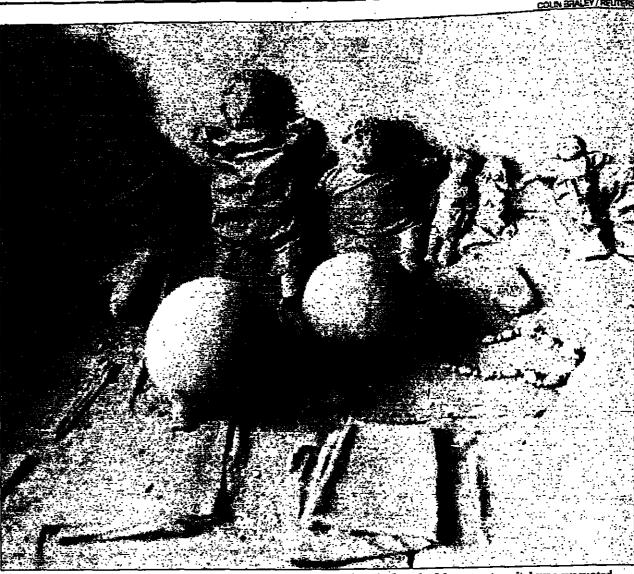
Foulkes, International Development Minister, apparentmisunderstanding scientists' views, spoke of a "cataclysmic eruption".

The evacuation has failed to attract many in Montserrat and ministerial mistakes have been compounded by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, who snubbed an invitation to visit Montserrat last week, and accused local authorities of "playing silly political games" and of asking for "golden

Although she has since had to hand the reins of policy to a task force headed by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. many on Montserrat believe there are still few signs of a

Mr Foulkes, who is scheduled to visit Montserrat on Monday, will face a barrage of

As Mr Brandt put it yesterday: "For two years we have been offered promises and when those promises become a reality, then I will believe



Ash-covered dolls in a Plymouth shop. Merchandise was abandoned when the Montserrat capital was evacuated

considers the star a friend. But that was then. Since the vents in the Soufriere Hills opened, the stalwart inhabitants of Montserrat have watched a decline in island life. The church in St Peter's where The Police made the video accompanying Every Breath You Take now houses dozens of homeless islanders. with as many as 50 using a single lavatory.

The cannons and bright red telephone box in Plymouth. the most strident symbols of colonial life, are covered in ash, the empty capital itself swathed in volcanic debris. "If we can't rent a house in the far north of the island, we will have to move," Ms Wilson said, "and I am not prepared to go back to England to live in some council house."

Britain has watched and waited, seemingly incapable of finding any agreed plan for an island first sighted by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and settled by Irish Roman Catholics about 140 years later. Six thousand people have left in the past two years for other parts of the Caribbean.

The crisis reached its worst point on June 25 when 19 people were killed as the volcano's pyroclastic flows of molten rock crashed down the sides of Chance's Peak, engulfing whole villages in their wake.

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British insurer offers cover for homes in north

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By MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the biggest property insurers on Montserrat said yesterday it would continue to insure homes in the "safe" area of the Caribbean island despite fears that further eruptions could cause millions of

pounds of damage. Royal & Sun Alliance, the large corporate UK insurance group, withdrew cover earlier this month for homes in the south of the island, covered in volcanic ash. But it said it would continue to offer cover

for policy-holders in the as yet unaffected north of the island when policies came up for re-newal. At Lloyd's of London, which has reinsured a large part of the insurance risk, a spokesman said: We do not vet know what our liabilities will be. If the whole island blows up, we would be able

to cope with the losses. It is not three firms, between them. as catastrophic as a hurricane hitting a densely populated part of the United States."

Part of the problem for Royal & Sun is that insurance cover is administered by an agency in Montserrat, from whence all records have had to be flown to Antigua where the insurer has a subsidiary. Sun Alliance Eastern Caribbean, A team of experts is now trying to quantily losses.

Mike Jones, a spokesman for the parent company, said cover for the island was constantly under review, "We are taking the advice of vulcanoloEDGE OF DISASTER

modify our cover as we see appropriate." He added: "If the volcano disintegrates and the whole island is destroyed. there will be a significant impact on our business in that part of the Caribbean. However, we are an international company with many overseas divisions. Royal & Sun has operated in Montserrat for 30 years and continued to offer

cover after the volcano unexpectedly became active in 1995. Islanders have also traditionally bought cover from two Caribbean-based firms. Nemwil and United Insurance, both of which sent letters to homeowners last week warning them that cover would be

withdrawn. The account for nearly all of the insured property on the island. They argue that they cannot renew contracts in the south of the island beccause they will lose money since the volcano is still active.

The other institution to feel the effects of the volcano's destructive power is the Mont-serrat Building Society. It has suffered a double whammy: homeowners have been defaulting on mortgage pay-ments for homes they believe they may never return to.



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Volcano havoc could last years, scientists say

By N'IGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE eruption of the Soufrière volcano on Montserrat could continue for years, scientists who are monitoring the vol-

Previous eruptions of the same type on the Caribbean island have lasted about five years, says Dr Willie Aspinall, a British expert who has recently returned from working at the Volcano Observa-

So far the volume of material extruded from the volcano about 100 million cubic metres - is less than half and probably only about a quarter of what we can infer from previous eruptions," he said. That means that another three to four years of eruption would not be a surprise."

timescale, as some lava dome eruptions of the same type

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develop into activity lasting for up to 50 years. But in spite of remarks made by George Foulkes, the International Development Minister, a catastrophic explosion is the least likely of scenarios painted by scientists.

They described this as a remote possibility" whose probability of occurrence. though never absolutely precluded, is extremely low. "The best estimates for such an event is one in 10,000, although some scientists see it as negligible." the team conclud-

The most likely outcome. they believe, is a continuation of the present eruption at about the same intensity. That is little consolation for the islanders as the eruption has claimed the southern half of the island, where most of the facilities are.

Yesterday the observatory. manned by a rotating group of eight to ten scientists drawn from Britain, the West Indies and the United States, was due to move its centre of operations from Old Towne to a safer site further north. There is no point in risking losing the instruments and recorders, so they are moving them to a safe distance," Dr Aspinall said.

The eruption has claimed several key instruments, tiltmeters placed close to the summit of Soufrière which were wiped out in the latest eruption. These were being used to measure small changes in the angle of the ground which are local and cannot be monitored effectively from any distance.

The instruments could be replaced, but only at considerable risk to the person doing it. Dr Aspinall says. Fortunately.

observations taken before the tiltmeters were destroyed showed correlations with data from a network of seismic sensors arranged around the volcano. The seismic sensors are still working, so data from them can be used to infer what the filmeters could have been

showing.
The best instrument, however, remains the human eve. The vulcanologists spend several hours a day standing around at sites to the east and west of Soufrière, waiting for breaks in the cloud so that they can see what the volcano is doing. If the opportunity arises, they also make observations from a helicopter. It's pretty sapping," says Dr Aspinall, You don't get much

sleep."
The team also uses laser beams and the global positioning network of satellites to detect deformation of the volcano, which gives an indication of movement within it. These signals are useful for monitoring changes over a month or so. They are detecting minor changes that are difficult to interpret.

Il dramatic changes were seen they could presage a serious explosion such as the one which destroyed Mount Si Helens in northwest United States in 1980. But no such changes have been detected.

When the volcano does stop erupting, nature will quickly start to recolonise the damaged land. When the eruptions stop a process called succession will gradually rebuild the cloud forests of the Soufrière Hills. But Dr Deborah Brosnan, an American biologist who has studied the effect of the volcano on Montserrat, says that it will be a long process.



war memorial in Plymouth, surrounded by ash

Tourism chiefs forecast boom

TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIALS on Montserrat plan to attract large numbers of volcano tourists" to the devastated island once the immediate threat of further eruptions is over. Moniserrat was one of the

least known Caribbean islands until the volcano made international news. Now local tourism chiefs believe that the island can benefit from the publicity by encouraging holidaymakers - especially Americans - to watch the explosions and clouds of steam and ash from a safe distance. One possibility is to run cruise ships close by, enabling passengers to watch the lava flow through binoculars, or to fly sight-seeing

tours above the volcano. Volcano watching. though not attracting a huge following, does already have hundreds of devotees. Derek Moore, operations director of the British tour operator Expiore Worldwide, said there was a small but regular demand for organised visits to seven main volcano areas around the world.

"They are only small groups and the most popular is a visit to three volcanoes in Sicily," he said. "We send 12 groups each year to see Stromboli and others on the

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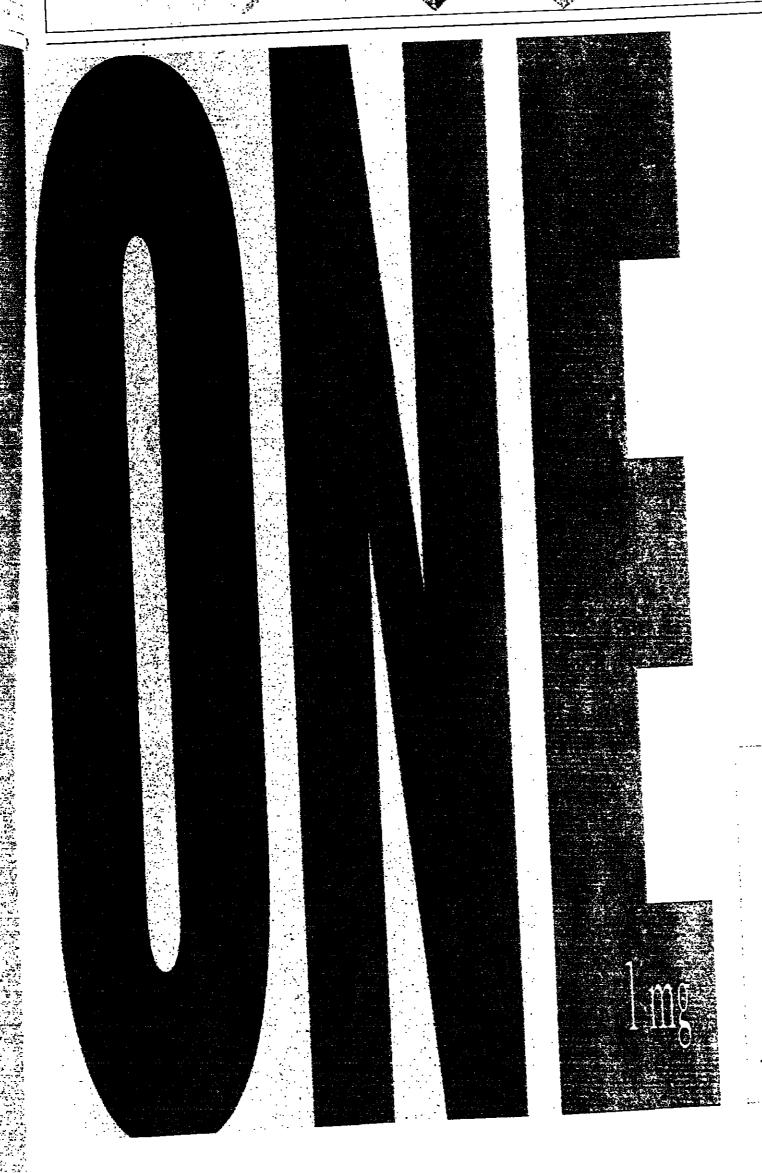
around 16 people in each. Other destinations include Ecuador, Nicaragua, Iceland, the Azores and Crete. "People are interested in the

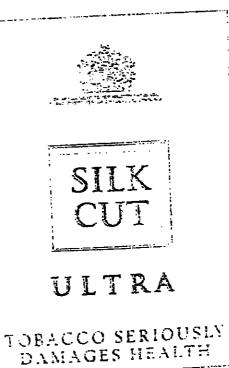
historical effects volcanoes can have on a country. Even though they may be extinct many people find themselves fascinated to see at close hand how the Earth's geology is made up and the impact volunoes have on the history of a country.

"The problem with Montserrat, however, is that it is extremely dangerous and we cannot have people risking their lives."

Debra Taylor, the marketing manager of Arctic Experience, last year organised two tours to see the effects of the volcano under the glacier in Iceland. "We took about 80 people who were keen to photograph the glacier and the iceflows. We were able to fly through the plume and see the geothermal activity. But although many people like to include a visit to the geysers, it is not a mainstream activity.

The Montserrat volcano is likely to continue to be active for at least five years.





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Mayor tipped for president

York's Republican Mayor, could one day become the first Italian-American President of the United

That is not just my opinion. It is the firm view also of Mario Cuomo, the former Governor of New York state, and the last Italian-American politician of whom it was also said that he would one day become the first Italian-American President.

According to Mr Cuomo, a Democrat, if Mr Giuliani wins the city's mayoral race in November - and he is as likely to do so on current form as there are certain to be glitches next week on board the Russian space station Mir - "he can run for anything he wants ... he can run for President. Governor, the Senate, whatever he

Unlike Mr Cuomo, the Mayor

Queens

says no

to queen

CATHERINE of Braganza, the

Queen consort of Charles II, is facing accusations of racism in

New York, nearly 300 years after

In a nutshell, this is the story, so

typical of the overheated approach

to history that is prevalent in

radical black quarters in the

United States, A group called the

Friends of Catherine wishes to

erect her statue in Queens, the

New York borough which derives

its name from the Queen in

They have acquired a big. bronze starue, 100, and a hand-

Yet black "community groups".

led by the Rev Al Sharpton. New

York's best known rubble rouser,

have denounced the statue as "a

racist symbol of slavery". Why?

Because 17th-century Portugal

was involved in the trade of slaves

between Africa and the New

Mr Sharpton has vowed to

block the installation of the statue

that is causing the trouble. In a

rant last week before a group of

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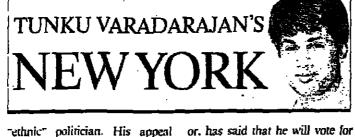
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Giuliani: the Mayor appeals across city's ethnic divides

Bad spell for Yankees

"ethnic" politician. His appeal extends far beyond the Catholic-Italian constituency: Jews back him, as do the city's Hispanics and "Anglos". Black voters are wary of him, but not as wary as they might have been had he not handled a recent case of alleged police brutality against a Haitian man with exemplary statesmanship, reminding the police brusquely that

America is a "civilised society". Mr Giuliani should not now be seen merely as a "Republican". Ed Koch, the former Democrat May-

ORTHOGRAPHY is the sort of

word one does not want to utter in

after learning that eight of the

eleven new plaques installed in

the baseball team's "hall of fame"

are marred by spelling mistakes.

Joe DiMaggio's graceful stroke

was "one of baseballs' [sic] great-

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Bahe Ruth, too, is not spared:

"The Babe singlehandedly lifted

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☐ IT HAS been reported that John Gotti Jr. 33,

son of the imprisoned Mafia boss John Gotti Sr. has

taken over the city's Gambino clan. The Mafia is

cannot be better depicted than by the new boss's clothes. Whereas his father wore only the best silk

suits (handmade in Little Italy). Junior likes

blue baseball caps. And he can't speak Italian.

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nothing better than to wear red nylon tracksuits and

Baseball fans are aghast here

Yankee Stadium.

him in November, as have a number of Democrat city council-

bigger than Republicans". The Mayor could be the answer to the Republican Party's despairing prayers in this dark era of President Clinton's second term. Mr Giuliani is the only active Republican figure today with enough comph to take the battle to the Democrats. He is honest, too.

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As letters of indignation poured

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the Mayor is now an "upper

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tions. A genial, hands-on bruiser who speaks in a clear, demotic tongue, he remains untainted even after a recent attempt by Vanity Fair magazine to derail his reelection campaign.

The magazine ran an ill-researched article stating that he had committed adultery with an aide. It was a gratuitous attack which tarnished not Mr Giuliani but the magazine itself. The Mayor's reputation, in fact, grew sizeably as he stood defiantly by his wife and the aide. As one New Yorker put it: "He was a darn sight more convincing than Clinton has ever been."

Mr Giuliani has always denied that he has any presidential ambitions. This makes sense; New Yorkers prefer their mayors to be earthy, not "uppity", and he must

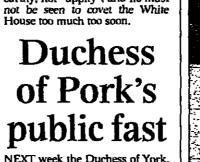
Duchess of Pork's

NEXT week the Duchess of York. in her guise as spokesman for Weight Watchers, will present a "new, ultra-simple diet". She will do so, dizzyingly, on the 64th floor of a Manhattan skyscraper, before a scrum of intrigued hacks.

According to Rubenstein Assobearing trays of her favourite, but

ery conceivable food indulgence". There will also be served the

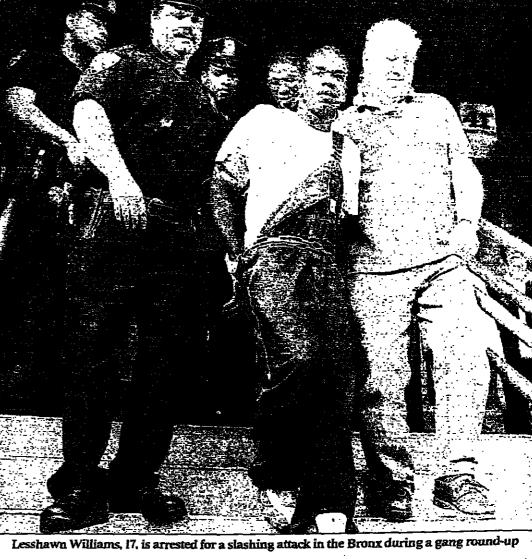
□ NEW YORK is holding its breath in anticipation of a "novel" by Oliver Stone, 50, due out here on October 1. A Child's Night Dream was written when the film-maker was only 20. It contains lines like: "The alienation started the day they stole me from the womb. In Paris. I remember. The long swim. It was dark ... And from the liquid cave I poke my head and see. What Adam and Eve first



ciates, her agents, she will "banter with chefs (in full chef's attire) formerly forbidden, foods as she unveils a revolutionary diet from Weight Watchers that allows ev-

preview of her first television commercial for the company she endorses. Sources say that viewers can expect the following selfdeprecating gags, dished out by the Duchess: "Dieting is harder than having a thinner mother. It's harder than being called the 'Duchess of Pork'. It's harder than paying off a million-dollar debt."

Dieting is also "harder than seeing yourself in a three-way mirror, harder than keeping a stiff upper lip. It's the hardest thing in the world, staying on a diet."



Police struggle to stem brutal tide of 'Bloods'

From Tunku Varadarajan in new york

A POLICE blitz through New York, designed to foil the establishment in the city of the notorious "Bloods" street gang from Los Angeles, has led to the arrest of 167 men aged between 14 and 24.

The crackdown, which involved flooding parts of the city with hundreds of uniformed and plainclothes officers, was codenamed "Operation Red Bandana", after the distinctive headgear favoured by "Bloods" members.

The "Bloods" gang, which is at war in Los Angeles with the equally notorious "Crips" gang, had been eyeing New York since the beginning of the year as a place with fresh criminal pastures. But Howard Safir, the city's Police Commissioner, yesterday made clear that he was "determined to prevent New York from becoming an outpost for cold-blooded thugs".

The "Bloods" are, indeed, a coldblooded outfit. The gang's raison the city.

d'etre, as gruesome as it is uncomplicated, is to inflict violence on their "enemies" — up to, and including death. In their penchant for violence, however, they are no different from a number of other gangs, several of which exist in New York. These include the "Homicide Brims" of Harlem and the "9 Trey Gangsters Shotgun Crew" of Brooklyn.

The "Bloods", however, are regarded by the police with particular distaste. Their initiation rites are by far the most cruel, and involve fresh recruits slashing random victims across the face. In fact, it was just such an "epidemic" of face slashings, detected in the city's predominantly black areas — the Bronx, Harlem Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights in Brooklyn, and Far Rockaway in Oueen's that alerted the New York police

Inspector Jose Cordero, chief coordinator of the New York anti-gangs unit, said: This street gang attracted our attention because of the slashing incidents."
Last week six teenagers, aged

between 13 and 16, were charged with slashing a homeless man's face in a gang initiation in St Nicholas Park in Harlem. The man's nose had been severed in the rite". It is believed that the slashing was performed by a 14year-old, while the others were present as "witnesses" to authenticate the ritual.

City authorities feared that with the reopening of the city's schools next week, young male children would be subjected to a muscular recruitment drive by the "Bloods" gang, eager to establish a fieldom in New York. Inspector Cordero said that the timing of Operation offset that effort.

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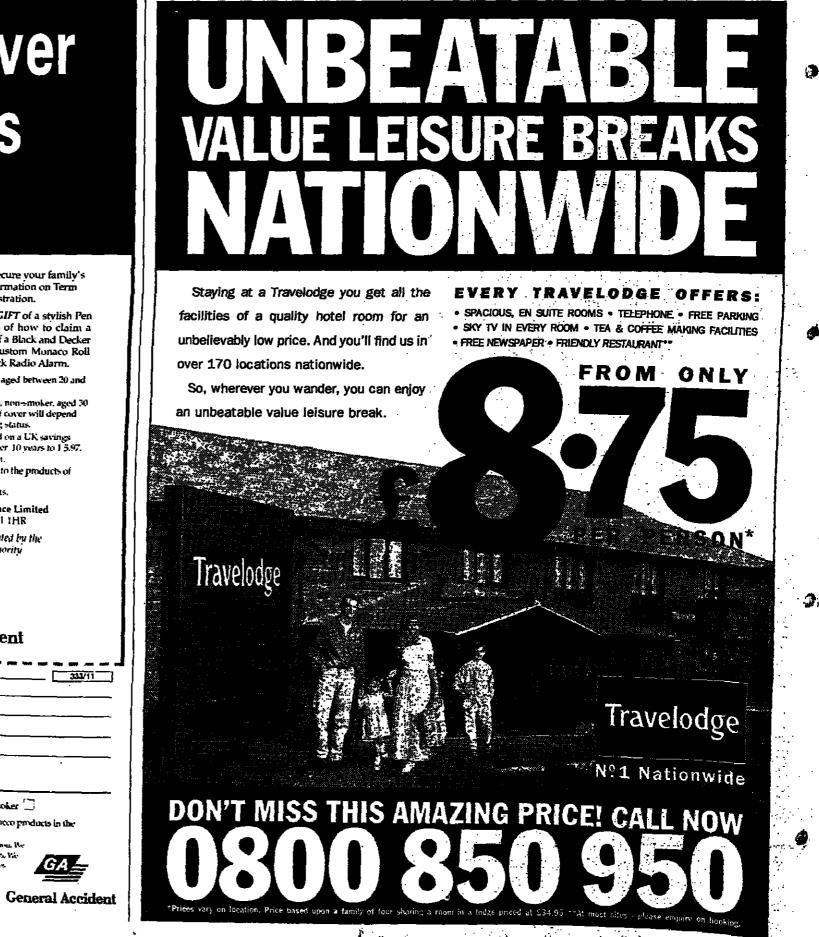
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Cook call for EU 'troika' to visit Timor

BRITAIN is proposing a new move in the decades old East Timor dispute. In an attempt to bring Indonesia out of isolation over its illegal occupation of the tiny Far Eastern territory. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, proposed yesterday that a European Union "troika" should carry out a fact-finding mission.

The group, comprising senior representatives of the EU presidency, would be the first senior diplomats to travel there since Indonesian troops lought to seize control in 1975. Mr Cook's announcement was accompanied by a wider initiative to foster human rights in Indonesia in general as part of Britain's "moral" foreign policy in the Third World. The Foreign Secretary held very frank" talks with his Indonesian counterpart on Jakaria's human rights record and of-fered a six-point aid package to improve matters.

The EU troika's mission will be to try to find a way out of the deadlock that has bedevilled negotiations between Indonesia and its former colonial power, Portugal, for years.

Indonesia has refused to yield the territory despite years of international pressure. Its takeover came with British and American connivance at a time when Commu-East Asia. The Indonesians invaded only months after the fall of Saigon, believing that East Timor itself would be-

Jakarta has steadfastly refused a plebiscite among the 800,000 inhabitants and says' ermments and police forces, that Portugal has no right to with support for child aid

because it irresponsibly aban-doned the territory after 500 years of colonial explanation at the time of the Portuguese

Ali Alatas, the Indonesan Foreign Minister, welcomed Mr Cook's initiative last night, saying that indonesia had been trying for years to get senior diplomats to travel there to see the reality for themselves. Britain and other countries have so far sent only junior diplomats to East Ti-mor, feeling that sending a more senior person would amount to recognition of Indonesia's right to the territory.

Mr Cook said the six-point

British aid package included offering material support to the National Human Rights Commission which, although set up by the state, has criticised what it considers to

Similar help would be given to the Legal Aid Foundation. which advises poor defendants, and would offer 20 scholarships in Britain for the study of good government. British police would also give lectures to Indonesian law enforcement officers on ways of dealing with public order problems.

Today. Britain will announce new measures to crack down on paedophiles and the child sex trade in the Philippines. Mr Cook, who arrived in Manila last night, is to unveil the measures after visiting a child refuge.

They are expected to focus on co-operation between the British and Philippines gov-



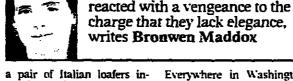
'White Hose Scandal' rocks Washington

NEWT GINGRICH and his revolutionaries charging through Capitol Hill hardly stirred up the sort of storm that is now raging over "What Washington Women Wear".

Robin Givhan, fashion editor of The Washington Post, says nothing braced her for probably the most aggressive letter and phone campaign" she's ever received, and a controversy which has spread throughout the capital's magazines and talking shops.

"Washington women have reacted with a vengeance," she says, to her gentle suggestions that while their professional success might be everything they dreamed of, their command of elegance is lagging well behind.

It all began last summer when she mused over the new stylishness of New York working women who were giving up their much-parodied habit of wearing running shoes on the way to work, slipping into



charge that they lack elegance, writes Bronwen Maddox

Women executives have

stead. Could Washington not follow suit, she asked? "No" was the resounding answer to the Post's letters columns. One reader sent a picture of a pair of women's

feet bound in the old Chinese practice, asking: "Is this what you want women to do to themselves?" Undeterred, Ms Givhan chose this summer to attack

The White Hose Scandal". the fondness of Washington women for dead-white tights, even in winter, when their legs show every splash from the muddy slush in the streets. "Horror has many faces," she wrote. "This one has legs. Everywhere in Washington. there are women wearing sheer, ghostly white pantyhose, like a fungus on the

capital landscape. "Women who pair white pantyhose with black business suits, navy coat dresses, charcoal skirts ... are an illustration from the dowdy handbook," she said. She urged them to abide by the classic rule of hosiery: the same colour or darker than

one's hemline. Readers accused her of a "sneering approach" and of pointing her parasol of shame" at them. One declared: "Seldom have I seen on the pages of the Post a piece

Americans

more heavily laced with an air of naked superiority."

committed an unforgiveable sin in an America gripped by relativism; she has dared to pronounce that one style is better than another. But she has also touched a nerve because of the strong conservative streak in Washington. where hemlines hover below the knee, where suits and shirts button up to the neck in a formidable breastplate, and where many regard red as the only safe alternative to black

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going to build their careers here, that their time in Washton, the same armour is regarded, merely by virtue of its colour, as if it were the filmies: ington is when they're really going to focus on their capair of Christian Dior stockreers, she says. They are very wary of making any kind ings ever draped across a bedspread. of mistake, something that Given the strength of these convictions, Ms Givhan may

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"That's ridiculous - men's shoes aren't that uncomfortable," she says. Her dismal fear for the nation's capital is that "pretty soon, we'll all be shuffling off to work in our

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lose faith in federal politics By Bronwen Maddox THREE-QUARTERS of

Americans mistrust their Government, despite the best economic conditions for a generation and a soaring stock market, according to new opinion polls that have startled politicians. Most Americans remain

pessimistic about the direction of the country and 57 per cent believe it is headed in the wrong direction, a Washington Post-ABC News poll says. The results are just one

measure of public disillusionment with national politics. That is not new — the principle of curbing Washington's power runs through the Constitution - but the surge in public hostility to federal government is helping state governors in their battle to grab power back from the centre.

Politicians cannot escape the dismal message in the survey that very little in the way of good news will reliably lighten the public mood not peace abroad, shrinking budget deficits or even economic growth. Figures this week showed that the boom continues: the economy grew by 3.6 per cent in the second quarter. But the poll also shows the striking success of President Clinton. His job approval rating has slipped to 58 per cent from 64 per cent last month, but the poli was still the twentieth since July 1995 to show his rating over 50 per cent. That makes him as popular as Ronald Reagan at the height of his presidency, an era now seen as the highwater mark of public benevolence towards the president.

Support for Mr Clinton is so robust that Republican control of Congress could be in jeopardy, a separate poll for USA Today/CNN/Gallup says. If congressional elections were held today, 51 per cent of registered voters would vote for Democrats and just 41 per cent for Republicans, it finds.

One key to the overall gloom lies in people's worries about job security. Two decades of corporate downsizing have

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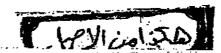
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Australia puts back the clock for 2000

FROM ROGER MAYNARO

JOHN HOWARD, the Australian Prime Minister, has announced that the country will celebrate the millennium a vear after the rest of the world. His declaration to Parliament has shocked this hedonistic society, which saw the turn of the century as an opportunity to embark on the biggest and

booziest of celebrations. However, Mr Howard is probably right, basing his view on simple mathematical logic. The decision follows questions from Barry Jones, the President of the Labor Party. Was it not a fact that a child did not celebrate its first birthday until 12 months after it was born, he asked, "This millennium would only be on years long if the start of the third millennium and the 21st century was celebrated in 2000." he

Historian wins case against Tokyo censors

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE schoolchildren will learn about a particularly horrific war crime after the supreme court yesterday ruled that the Government acted illegally in censoring textbook references to Unit 731, the Imperial Army's germ warfare

The ruling was a personal triumph for Saburo lenaga, the distinguished historian who has waged a 32-year legal battle against official censorship whitewashing Japanese wartime atro-

Professor lenaga, 83, first filed his epic lawsuit in 1905, after the Education Ministry ordered him to delete or revise passages in a textbook he wrote on the grounds they showed Japan in a negative

The offending passages included an account of the infamous Unit 731, which conducted medical experiments on live prisoners in northeastern China during the war. Thousands of PoWs, mainly Chinese and Korean, died lingering deaths after being injected with bubonic plague, cholera and

Schoolchildren may be told

about wartime atrocities

typhoid, or infected with syphilis. In the death camp near Harbin, prisoners were strapped to a table while Japanese doctors cut into them to study how the bacilli affected internal organs. In other experiments doctors drained prisoners' blood and replaced it with that of horses to test if such transfusions might be of use to

wounded Japanese soldiers. Although ample survivors' testimony - and confessions by Japanese members of Unit 731 plagued by their conscience - were available, the Government claimed in 1983 that there was "no credible academic research" to back up Professor lenaga's account and

ordered its deletion. The supreme court yesterday said the Government's action was unlawful and awarded token compensation of 400,000 yen (£2,100). The ruling means the Education Ministry is powerless to prevent schoolchildren being taught about

one of the darkest chapters in the nation's recent history. Media commentators had not

expected such a clearcut victory for the professor. In two earlier cases, the court had sided with the Government, but other legal challenges by Professor Ienaga have obliged Japan to own up to wartime atrocities.

Thanks to the professor's tenac-ity, references to the 1937 Nanking Massacre, in which an estimated 250,000 Chinese civilians were raped and massacred, have found their way into textbooks.

And for the first time, textbooks

used in classes this year mention the "military comfort women", the Korean and Chinese women who were forced to provide sex in Imperial Army brothels before and during the war.

In another victory for Professor lenaga, the Government was forced in 1982 to acknowledge that the word "advance" used in text-

books was a euphemism for Ja-pan's invasion of Asia, and accepted it amounted to "aggression". The affair unleashed protests in China and Korea, and the Tokyo Government promised to "lend an ear" to overseas criticism and reassess the contents of textbooks.

"The Government's policy was to force writers of textbooks to suppress unfavourable episodes of Japanese history," Professor Ienaga said last night, "but I could not accept the principle of rewriting history, and would have fought

on until I die if necessary".

Takashi Kosugi, the Education
Minister, said: "We will take the
ruling seriously and continue to make sure contents of textbooks are appropriate."

The court ruling angered conservatives campaigning against textbooks mentioning Japanese atrocities. A group of scholars and business leaders called the Committee to Produce New Textbooks demanded that the Government step in to prevent "masochistic" portrayals of history that slander the nation and cast Japan as a

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Professor Ienaga yesterday after the court ruled in his favour

WORLD IN BRIEF

Bomb blast rocks Playsic stronghold

Banja Luka: A bomb explod- tions began counting the cost ed at the railway station in Banja Luka, headquarters of Biljana Playsic, the Westernhacked Bosnian Serb President, killing one person and seriously injuring another, police said.

Nato at the same time authorised its Stabilisation Force (Sfor) in Bosnia to use force to silence those parts of the media which incite hardliners to use violence, Javier Solana, the Nato chief, said. The decision came a day after Bosnian Serbs in northern Bosnia attacked Nato troops and UN police in response to a call for violence by radio and television. "Sfor will not hesitate to take the necessary measures, including the use of force, against . . .

grip on the alienated popula-tion in eastern Bosnia. In Doboj, the most westerly town where Dr Karadzic and his Pale government still hold sway, a bomb demolished the offices of Alternativa, the opposition newspaper, and another was found at the headquarters of the Socialist

of the mob violence. Thirty of its patrol vehicles were over-

turned and between 05 and 70 demolished or vandalised, leaving the bill for vehicles

alone near to £1 million. Some

As the UN and Sfor licked their wounds, Radovan Karadzic strengthened his

engines were removed.

Journalists at Alternativa were too afraid to give details Sfor or other organ- but control of the former isations," Señor Solana said. In Brcko, the United Na-with Dr Karadzic's police.



Washington: Madeleine Albright, right, will make her first trip to the Middle East next month to demonstrate America's commitment to peace in the region (Bronwen Maddox writes). The US Secretary of State's visit is expected to begin in Israel on September 9, and include Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. She will reiterate her wish for the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks to be resumed on an accelerated timetable, and will also meet Yassir Arafat.



98 die in Algeria massacre

Paris: Islamic rebels murdered 98 civilians in three villages south of Algiers on Thursday night, bringing the death toll for this week alone to more than 300 people (Ben Macintyre writes). The latest massacre took place at Sidi Moussa and two neighbouring hamles in the arrange of Plide about 20 miles from bouring hamlets in the province of Blida, about 30 miles from the capital. Algerian government officials said. Most of the dead were women and children. Another 120 villagers were wounded in the attack, according to officials in Algiers who confirmed the in the attack, according to discuss in Algeria who confirmed the largest single act of slaughter in Algeria for more than a year. The killings came a day after a bomb near a mosque in the Algiers Casbah killed eight people and wounded more than 50.

Mitsubishi settles sex case

New York: Mitsubishi, the Japanese carmaker, has agreed out of court to pay \$9.5 million (£5.9 million) to 27 female workers who had sued for sexual discrimination and harassment (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The women, employed in Mitsubishi's plant at Normal, Illinois, launched their action in 1994, alleging that they had been abused and groped and passed over for promotion by male managers. Mitsubishi denies that the payment is an admission of wrongdoing. The company also promised to contribute \$100,000 to "women's causes" in the area.

Russia tunes in to Soviet past

Moscow: A new television channel dedicated to Russian-made programmes is to be launched in November. President Yeltsin said (Richard Beeson writes). "Kultura" will show Soviet-era said (Richard Beeson writes). Runtilla will show boylet-era films, plays, concerts and documentaries. "The yearning for spirituality is an age-old feature of the Russian national character," he said. There has been a growing backlash in Russia against American soap operas such as Dallas and Santa Barbara and the sex and violence in Hollywood action films.

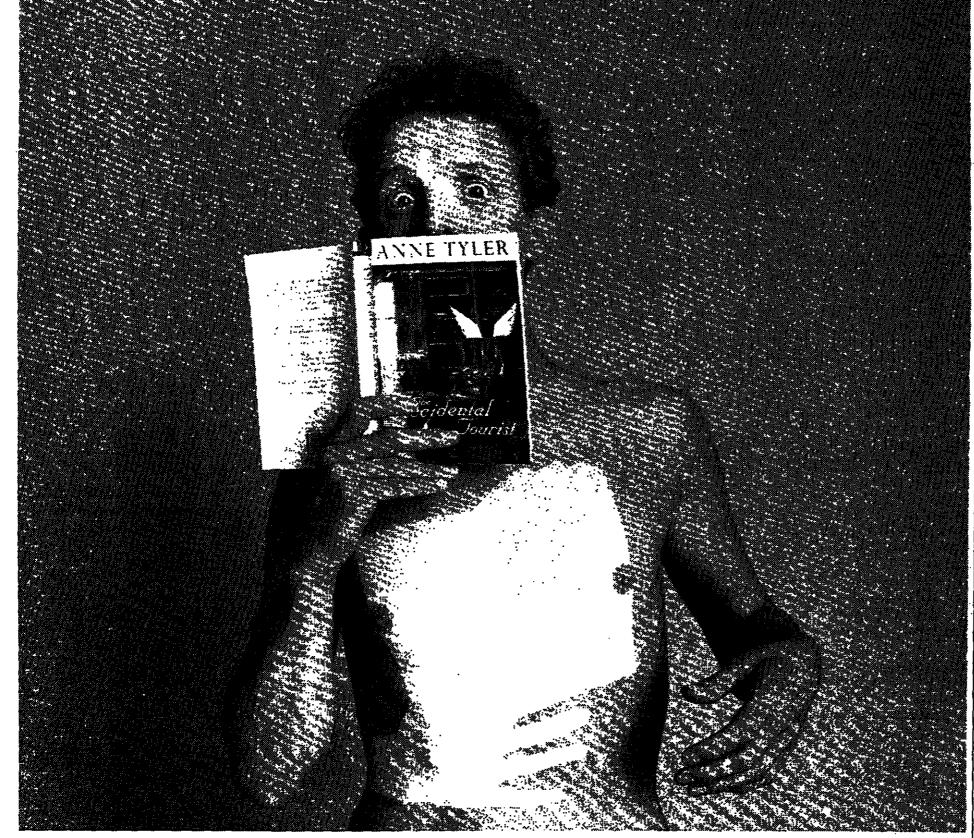
Court backs return of skull



A delegation of Aboriginal elders is expected to collect the skull of Yagan. left, from Liverpool tomorrow. The 19th century warrior's head was exhumed from a Liverpool grave earlier this month, but its return had been blocked by Corrie Bodney, a tribal elder. A Western Australia court yesterday said the delegation could go ahead, but must consult Mr Bodney, who had objected to their trip because none of them were Yagan's descendants and their mission was sacrilege

Woman digs for victory

Prato: A woman won the job of gravedigger at a cemetery near Florence after all the male candidates fainted. Rossana Giusti was the only candidate for a re-run of the practical test. exhuming a body, after ten men trying for the job all keeled over. The problems of the Chiesanuova cemetery in Prato had been compounded by a job advertisement error, which called for necrophiliaes" instead of necrofori, or gravediggers. (Reuters)



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Loose cannon turns fire on art world

WHEN Bernini's damaged Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona last week by breaking off the tail of a sea monster, the Italian media instinctively turned to

one man for an informed and acerbic comment: Professor Federico Zeri, Italy's leading

art critic and historian. Professor Zeri observed caustically that the only way to protect publicly displayed works of art such as fountains and sculptures was to "bring in the army" to guard Italy's treasures night and day. The remark caused almost as much uproar as the vandalism uself Professor Zeri has always been a loose cannon in the arts world — or

ROME FILE by RICHARD OWEN

> in La Repubblica's phrase, un cane sciolto (a dog off the leash). He is invariably photographed in a pose of grumpy outrage, cigar clamped between teeth or fingers. Earlier this year he was made a member of the Academy of Fine Arts in Paris. But he has received no such honours in his own country, and holds no university chair. Asked why, he replies: "Because I have always told the truth in a country in

Olympic embarrassment

tional Olympic Committee's decision on Friday on whether Rome is Fascist dictator. to be the site of the Olympic Games in 2004, or whether the prize will go to one of the other candidates, such as Athens, Cape Town or Stock-holm. In the meantime II Messaggero, the Rome daily, has drawn the Rome city authorities attention to a potential embarrassment they may have overlooked:

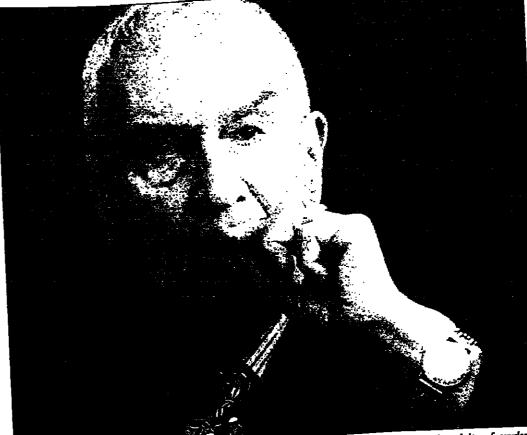
ITALIAN newspapers are running of heroically muscular athletes daily countdowns to the International and a Carrara marble obelisk dedicated to Benito Mussolini, the

The obelisk, with the words Mussolini Dux carved down its length, is one of the few remaining memorials to il Duce, who opened the sports centre in 1932 as a "symbol of youth, strength and beauty" Under the headline But Mussolini doesn't live here any more", the paper suggested that if Rome does win, it might be best to dismantle the obelisk for the on hypocrisy and ambiguity. The only people who count in Italy are those who set out to harm others, and I want no part of such power." The universities, he said, are a "cultural desert" of corruption

and favouritism. Yet even without an academic base, at 76, Professor Zeri is Italy's foremost authority on the fine arts. Admirers describe his knowledge of Italian art in the 15th and 16th centuries as "profound". He made his mark in the 1950s when he catalogued the collections of the Spada and Pallavicini families.

He has since published many acclaimed works on the history of art, appears regularly on television, and writes for La Stampa. He is Italy's best known "art detective", and is regularly asked to pronounce on the authenticity of works. It was Professor Zeri who discovered that sculpted heads fished out of the Arno River in Florence, and said to be by Modigliani, were forgeries made by students using a Black & Decker drill. More recently he declared that frescoes in Assisi, long said to be by Giotto di Bondone, were by his lesser-known mentor, Cavallini. Detection fascinates him: and he has published a detective novel of his own, set in the art world.

From his library at Mentana, near Rome, which contains 80,000



Professor Zeri, Italy's "art detective", is regularly asked to pronounce on the authenticity of works

castigates the authorities at every opportunity for their mismanagement of Italy's vast artistic legacy. Rome's antiquities, he said this week, have been damaged over the centuries by fire, barbarian inva-sion and plunder, and are now threatened by neglect. We are simply not capable of conserving our treasures," he thundered. blaming lack of resources for the fact that monuments and art ob-

jects are eaten away by pollution or left prey to vandals and thieves. The real scandal, Professor Zeri

maintains, is not so much the damage to the tail of Bernini's sea monster — which had been broken before, and repaired - as the chronic disappearance or mutilation of scores of hundreds of elegant statues that once decorated Rome's great villas and parks. He is unimpressed by cultural

aspirations of the petty bourgeoi-

heritage groups such as Italia Nostra — a bunch of middle-class amateurs" - or by the efforts of Italy's centre-left Government to promote the arts. The Left, he says, merely expresses "the vainglorious sie", while the former Communist intellectuals, at the heart of Italy's new establishment, are "frivolous impostors ... weathercocks who go

whichever way the wind blows".

Spoke in **Prodi's** bike plan

PROFESSOR Romano Prodi. the Italian Prime Minister, is a keen cyclist, and is often photographed on his bike in his home town of Bologna. complete with helmet and cycling jersey. But he may have made a mistake in trying to persuade his countrymen to get on their bikes as well.

Perhaps inspired by the last European Union summit in Amsterdam, when all EU leaders were given bicycles to ride, Signor Prodi this week announced tax incentives for bicycle manufacturers and outlined a plan under which all Italian regions are to build

more cycle paths. But unlike the Dutch, the Italians have never had a love affair with the bike. There is only one cycle path in Rome. where the famous Seven Hills

tend to discourage anything so energetic as cycling.

Moreover, the Government's plan has upset a powerful lobby: the bike expension coherencies to be paid pansion scheme is to be paid for not only by a rise in the price of petrol but also by an increase in road tax on scooters and motorbikes. This is a dangerous move: while Italians may not much like pedalling, they most certainly do have a romantic attachment to the Vespa, which has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Signor Prodi is said to be having second thoughts.

the site of Rome's Olympic stadi-

Bruno Mégret and his wife, Catherine, Vitrolles Mayor

Vitrolles in the South of France has been accused of fomenting tension by trying to turn the local police force into a personal "praetorian guard" for her party.

This week Catherine Megret, wife of the National Front deputy leader Bruno Megret and winner of the mayoral election in Vitrolles earlier this year, announced plans to double the municipal police force, claiming that the national police were failing to protect citizens in the raciallydivided town. Under French law, munici-

pal police are under the Mayor's direct control, while the national police are organised from Paris. Mme Megret said

THE National Front Mayor of the municipal force would be increased from 36 to 70 officers, only marginally smaller than the national police force in Vitrolles.

The National Front wants a police force it can give orders to," Jean-Claude Delage, regional leader of the Alliance police union, said, Another police union, the SNPT, also attacked what it called "the recruitment of a veritable praetorian guard of 70

France has a long history of rivalry between police forces at the national and local levels. but open conflict broke out in Vitrolles earlier this month after a resident in one of the town's most troubled neighbourhoods opened fire on a

group of noisy youths. Mme Front municipal authorities Megret appeared to take the side of the gunman, insisting that "rather than arrest vic-

tims of insecurity, the police should go after those responsible for it". She accused the national police of failing to do their job. Not content with failing to intervene to ensure respect for the peace and tranquillity of ordinary citizens, the national

police have even suggested that our municipal police do not intervene," she said. Residents opposed to the National Front say that animosity is already rife between the municipal police and residents of the town's housing estates, many of whom are

North African. The National

recently cut financing for youth associations and opponents say the plans to boost the municipal police and to plant a 24-hour police post in the very middle of the most troubled neighbourhood is intended as a direct provocation. We are heading for some

very, very serious problems. The youngsters have nothing to do thanks to the National Front," one local Front councillor said. Last month Jean-Pierre

Chevenement, the Interior Minister, expressed concern over the ill-defined role of France's 15,000 municipal policemen, and pledged to bring in regulations setting precise limits on their authority.

Far-right Mayor enlists aid of 'praetorian guard' Italian serial killer By RICHARD OWEN

FEARS that a serial killer who preys on elderly women in rural areas of southern Italy is still at large returned yesterday with the murder of an 84 year-old grandmother at Spinazzola, near Bari.

There has been a spate of granny killings in Apulia (Puglia) since April last year, when Celeste Madonna, 81. was murdered in her home at Lucera, in Foggia province. Nine further killings of elderly women have followed.

Police say that in four cases it is not clear whether there is a link. But six of the murders, including the latest, follow a pattern: the victims lived in

ground floor flats and the killer laid the bodies out neatly on their backs, placing a cross and in some cases a family photograph on the chest. The victims' throats were cut with a knife or screwdriver. In the latest murder Angela

Sansone, who had eight children and numerous grandchildren, was found in her ground floor flat in the rural community of 15,000 where she lived alone. Her skull had been smashed and her throat cut. Police believe the murderer

is a young man who gains entrance by using a position of trust. He may may dress as a priest to fool his victims.

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City of masterpieces | Welcome

Proms programme planning. the two concerts given by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Neville Marriner. on Wednesday and Thursday. both featured works associated with that city. In the first. all three works were first given in Leipzig: Mendelssonn's Violin Concerto was written for the orchestra's leader. Ferdinand David: Schubert's Ninth Symphony was first conducted by Mendelssohn in Leipzig. II years after the composer's death; and, a century and a half on. Hans Werner Henze's Second Sonata for Strings was first performed by the Gewandhaus Orchestra. for whom it

was written, last November. It was in fact a Bruckner performance by the orchestra that acted as a catalyst for Henze. Not that his piece - for all its richness of texture -sounds much like Bruckner, but its predominantly elegiac tone perhaps reflects Henze's awareness of the precarious

nature of a great tradition. The resonant Leipzig strings came into their own here, as they did in Schubert's Ninth. where they blended beautifully with rounded woodwind and burnished brass. Impec-

IN ANOTHER adroit piece of cable as the execution was, it was sadly wasted on a nonexistent interpretation. Hardly a phrase was shaped as though it meant anything, and each paragraph merged into the next without expressive punctuation. If the period instrument movement has taught us one thing, it is that

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well-sculpted phrasing, incisive arriculation and pungent instrumental colouring are viral to the lifeblood of such scores. Marriner's reading was bland, featureless and

uneventiul. If there was more interest in the Mendelssohn Concerto, it was largely due to the solo playing of the young American Leila Josefowicz, a Marriner protégée. She phrased the opening subject broadly and with line attention to nuance, but even more arresting was the drawn-out pianissimo with which she raised the curtain on the second subject.

mostly take for granted these days, but Josefowicz's personal stamp marked her out as a musician with something to

Thursday's programme maintained the Leipzig connection with Schumann's Piano Concerto and Mendelssolut's Scottish Symphony. both premiered in that city. As with Schubert the previous evening, one yearned for more expressive shaping of Mendelssohn's melodies, for a real spring in the step of the fast movements. Most of it seemed

to go by on autopilot. If the Schumann concerto was on a different level, it was que entirely to the inspiration of Alfred Brendel. To the solo part he brought all the sensibility and poetic eloquence that was lacking elsewhere. His ability to identify and exploit underlying harmonic tensions is unerring, enabling him to project an introspective view of the part, in which mere virtuosity plays a subsidiary role. With more characterful direction from the podium this might have been a performance to treasure.

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home, stranger

JAZZ: For 20 years Salena Jones has

wowed the Japanese; now she is

back to stay. Clive Davis reports

ot so much a comeback, more a chance to become reacquainted with an old friend. When Salena Jones appears at the Queen Elizabeth Hall next Tuesday her band will open the proceedings with that venerable Rodgers and Hart number Have You Met Miss Jones?. The song title hints at the ambiguous progress of the American expatriate's career over the past two decades.

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have heard rather more of her than audiences in Britain. That is not to say that Jones who came to this country in the mid-1960s — has been a complete stranger to our stage in recent years; she has, after all, toured with the BBC Big Band and played a couple of cabaret residencies at Pizza On The Park.

But the Far East has had the better of things since her first visit to Japan in 1978. While she amassed a lucrative quota of bestselling recordings for the Japanese label JVC, there was silence at this end, at least as far as albums were concerned. Having started out here as a fixture of the jazzcabaret circuit, Jones (like many other singers from her end of the musical spectrum) found openings growing scarcer. To many in the British music industry it was a case, as she laughingly admits, of

'Salena who?". "If you're not Celine Dion some of these people won't have heard of you," she says, sitting in her home in Buckinghamshire's stockbroker belt. "Unless you do a striptease in Leicester Square, they're not going to remember you. And even if you do that they'll be looking at something else three days later."

Japan, as many a visiting performer has been happy to discover. they take their music more seriously. So much so that, at one point, Jones came close to uprooting herself from England and settling in Kobe. Fortunately for us, she decided against the move - although she is still about to start Japanese language classes at night school in preparation for

her next trip East. It Amazes Me, the eminentrelaxed jazz album she Children Fund, was her first UK release in 18 years. All of a sudden the drought seems to be turning into a flood. It Amazes Me has been followed Room in October. by two easy-listening collec-

tions - Salena Jones On Broadway and Salena Jones In Hollywood — made for producer John Yap's musical theatre label, TER. Better still, Jones's own company. Vine Gate Music, has also issued her elegant tribute to the Brazilian songwriter Antonio

Carlos Jobim. As its title suggests, Salena Sings Jobim With The Jobims boasts contributions by members of the composer's family band as well as the great bossa. nova pioneer himself - making one of his last studio sessions before his untimely recorded last year for HMV as death. A compilation of her circles as Billy Eckstine and Elizabeth Hall (0171-960 4242) on

ny Burrell and saxophonist Richie Cole is due out here in November, and Jones will play at the Café Royal's Green

East, West, Britain's best: Salena Jones is rediscovering her adopted "big little" country

In her programme next week Irving Berlin will be rubbing shoulders with Oscar Hammerstein, Marvin Hamlisch and the Beatles. Jones's sultry voice has something of the velvet warmth of her idol Sarah Vaughan, though she is more interested in unadorned storytelling than the coloratu-ra displays that became

Vaughan's trademark. Born in the same Virginia town as Ella Fitzgerald, Jones followed Fitzgerald's example by winning a talent competition at Harlem's Apollo Theatre. She eventually found herself moving in the same a fundraiser for the Save the past work with guitarist Ken- Lena Horne, but by 1964 her Tuesday Sept 2

sense of personal dissatisfaction was compounded by her despair at America's racial divisions. "By the time of the march on Washington I knew that with all these things happening around me, my voice wouldn't be heard. I

needed to be somewhere else." Europe beckoned. On a visit to a travel agent to choose a destination, she opted for pot luck, buying a one-way ticket to Madrid after sticking a pin in an atlas. A year later she moved on to London where, among other things, she soon settled into a long engagement at Ronnie Scott's. Thirty years later, she says, the time has come to rediscover the big little country? that has become her adopted home.

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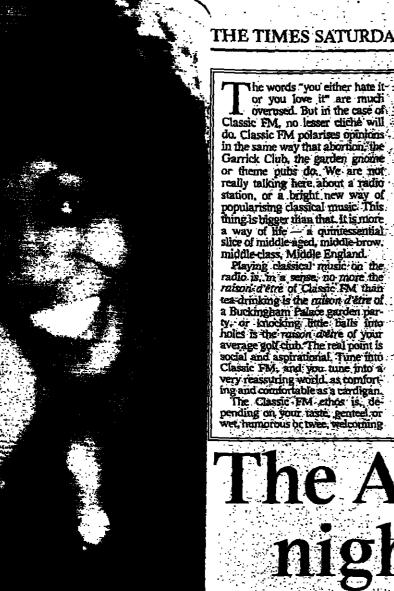
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A classic case of listener satisfaction

tine. It is entirely characteristic of the station that, when it decided to poach some stalwart BBC personalities, it went straight to Richard Baker and the Gardeners Question Time panel. And that when it held a "lavourite poem week" its listeners voted Wordsworth's Daffodils and Kipling's If first and second. Classic FM's current programme director, Steve Orchard, recently defined his typical listener's idea of bliss as 'an extra long bath with a glass of champagne, and Classic FM in the background". That says it all. As we agreed earlier, you either hate Classic FM or you love it. But five million people, accord-

ing to the latest ratings, do love it. And as Classic FM prepares to celebrate its fifth birthday next weekend even the spootiest music critics are forced to admit, through

gritted dentures, that it has been one of the world's great broadcasting success stories. It attracted four million listeners within four months of its launch. It has spawned a music magazine and two record labels. It has cloned itself into identical stations across the world: yet another subsidiary, Classic FM Johannesburg, is launched this Monday.

It single-handedly created the most unlikely smash-hit album of the Nineties: the funereal Third Symphony by the modern Polish composer Henryk Gorecki. It supplies all the classical inflight music for BA. It has made several small but eleverly publicised forays into music education, the most recent being a £3 million parmership to set up an academy for outstanding young musicians in Surrey. And its shareholders are getting rich. finally. The station turned in a £4



RICHARD MORRISON

million loss in 1996, but was bought for £71 million by the local-radio group GWR last December, smartened up, and has already moved into profit.

Finally, as the only non-BBC

national commercial radio station. Classic FM has spearheaded the extraordinary advance in commer-cial radio, which now attracts an annual E318 million of advertising and more than 50 per cent of the total radio audience. Classic FM has blown great holes in the confidence of the people running not only Radio 3, but Radios 2 and 4 as well — which accounts for the panicky tampering with schedules at the BBC this summer.

o why do so many people, particularly in the classical music business, resent Classic FM's success? The answer must be that it is the wrong kind of success. The expectation was that if Classic FM succeeded, it would draw many millions of people into a new enjoyment of serious music. and lead them onwards into the concert hall and the opera house.

but audiences for classical concerts have never been worse. Nor have sales of serious new classical CDs. The "leading onward" bit has simply not happened. The converts seem to remain trapped in Classic FM's entertaining but unchallenging world - and if they do buy a classical CD they plump for more of the same: a compilation of snippets, rather than an entire work indeed, there is some feeling that Classic FM has actually contributed to the decline of the serious concert: music-lovers who previously were prepared to concentrate through a long symphony have been brain-curdled by the soundbite culture of Classic FM to the extent that they no longer have the patience or the inclination.

That's disappointing for our orchestras and arts councils. But surely the anger about Classic FM

is misplaced. Its shallow presentational style, turning a blind car to all the interpretative nuances and historical details that give classical music its richness, may strike the cognoscenti as lamentable. But it is a commercial station. Its first duty is to stay in business by amracting listeners and advertising.

That it has been able to do this while using "esoteric" classical music is remarkable. If you read the press clippings from 1992 you will find plenty of commentators declaring the format to be suicidal. But we ask too much if we demand evangelical miracles as well. Converting mass audiences to culture is chiefly the job of those who receive large dollops of public subsidy, and one of the scandals of postwar Britain has been their disgraceful neglect of this task. For all its faults, Classic FM conveys the notion that great music is there to be enjoyed - and enjoyed by anybody. And that crucial message is something that our more highbrow musical organisations sometimes seem to overlook.

The American nightmare

nia because someone American continent and every nut, every creep with a screw loose slid there. So says one of the saner characters in David Rabe's piay, a gurgo unitari mas just been inne giri who has just been pushed out of a moving car by play, a go-go dancer and gooda paranoid who has mistaken her smile for a slur on his 'c embattled manhood. On the evidence of the sophisticated retards, emotional drifters and coke-snorting misogynists who share her Hollywood habitat, she seriously understates the case.

Almost everyone admired Rabe's venomous comedy when it opened at the Old Vic last March. Wilson Milam's partly recast production — Jenny Seagrove energetically substituting for Elizabeth Mc-Govern as an inwardly troubled fashion photographer, and podgy Mark Benton replacing skinny Stephen Dillane as a harried screenwriter - seems almost stronger. Stay away if you are repelled by chaotic people feverishly ex-

changing a mixture of mean-

dering four-letter hile and

the Queens if you have the bottle to encounter the sound and sight of American rootlessness at its most unsettled

The male characters share an array of ex-wives, seldomseen children, and careers or would-be careers in the film business. Prime among them is Rupert Graves's Eddie, a casting director whose latest protégé is Andy Serkis's Phil, a thuggish ex-con and know-nothing who improbably hopes to become an actor. You could not call their relationship a friendship, for nothing so committed and fixed exists in this human jungle. It is more likely - as David Termant, playing Eddie's cool. callous room-mate, tells him - that "no matter how low you manage to fall, Phil will always be lower".

As it turns out, both men fall rather lower than the average -kerb. Both are also brilliantly played. Serkis even manages pompous psychobabble and to wan a little sympathy for ponderous sociodrivel. Go to Phili who out-Calibans Cali-

ban in his violence and frustrated rage, yet is well aware of his own awful inadequacy. Eddie is a more complex being, but a sweaty, restless Graves produces all the ugly self-absorption, casual malice. manipulative selfaggrandisement and ontologi-

cal unease required of him.

If there is something slightly specious about the passages in which Eddie laments ozone layers and neutron bombs, it is not his fault, but that of an author trying too hard to suggest he is the victim of our confused, godless world. When Graves has to accept a sexual "care package" in the form of a homeless girl a friend has found in an elevator, or inform the woman Phil has flung from her car that her tactlessness is to blame for her injuries, or turn on Phil and tell him he will never be more than macho background "to make movie bullshit look real" well, he has a bite that nobody who thinks of him as a Merchant-Ivory hero will

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believe. Be warned, or be glad,

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California kooks: new cast member Jenny Seagrove is Darlene, a fashion photographer; Rupert Graves is Eddie, the casually malicious casting director

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: A vividly impressive rendition of Wagner, and a noisy, revelatory production of Chekhov

ANY disappointment at Bryn Teriel's withdrawal from Thursday's concert of the third act of Die Walkare soon evaporated: we may have been deprived of a first taste of the next generation's Wotan, but we had this generation's, John Tomlinson? on absolutely top form and a fresh, consistently exciting account of the music under Amonio Pappano. Not that Tomlinson, hot

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from duties at Bayreuth, would recognise the term "concert performance": he lived the role just as vividly as he does on stage. His rage at the truculent Valkyries was so incandescent that his mop-ping his brow with a hankle in the aftermath was perfectly understandable. And we had the best of both worlds in that, without the distraction of a stage production, he was able

Raging climax to a high-speed ride

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to sing with more light and shade and more subtlety of phrase than is always the case in the theatre.

Jane Eaglen (Brünnhilde) was on equally impressive form, her tone wonderfully solid and even. Even more satisfying than such rock-solid singing qua singing are the insights she brings to the role,

and the genuine feeling for words and their meaning. The whole War es so schmählich passage was delivered with touching eloquence, and her christening of the unborn Siegfried on a perfectly poised, soft high A flat was a moment to treasure. Adrianne Pieczonka was the radiant and

steady Sieglinde, and there was a notably spirited team of Valkyries led by Cara O'Sullivan and Alwyn Mellor. Pappano is best known here

for the Italian repertory but, as the interview in Thursday's Times reminded us, he has

been well and truly blooded at Bayreuth. The only Italianate aspect of the performance was an easy lyrical flow — at around 70 minutes this was a pretty brisk reading — and a welcome warmth in his treatment of the tunes.

But he also understands that secret of conducting Wagner: evenness of overall pulse. He thinks in long paragraphs and forges the links between them unobtrusively - all this without skimping on the big

Sieglinde's final outburst, Wotan's chromatic approach and the climax of the fatherdaughter duet blew us out of our seats. The Royal Scottish National Orchestra gave a big but not particularly disciplined account of the score.

RODNEY MILNES

Hammering home new truths

CRITICS of Peter Stein's Uncle Vanya, seen here last year. did not care for the background noise of dogs, birds, bells and what all, pointing out that Chekhov used to write letters protesting against such over-declaration. Evidently unimpressed by such criticism, Stein provides The Chern Orchard with barking dogs when the travellers return from Paris, starlings as dawn breaks, bells to mark the remorseless passage of time. offstage billiards, onstage hic-

cherry tree. Some of these sound effects serve their purpose tactfully and well but others go over the top - and even go all around us when the hammering starts - doubtless to make the audience feel as if they are inside the doomed premises. The error is really a matter of

cups and such a cacophony of

noise when the house is locked

up that one cannot isolate the first axe thudding into the

placing and degree.
These blemishes disturb an otherwise perceptive and largely persuasive production, rich in tiny details of behaviour that, yes, can catch our attention while another character is speaking but mysteriously do not distract from it. Of if they do, then it is for a greater purpose. After Gayev has praised the venerable bookcase for the wisdom it has imparted - and a fat lot of use he has made of it - Stein makes Yasha, the affected valet, use its glass front to preen his hair. A tremendous sense develops of individuals appearing in front of us from

THEATRE The Cherry Orchard

Festival Theatre

lives lived with equivalent detail just out of view. Talking of which, the curtains of the nursery are drawn

against the view in the first act. Characters part them slightly and peep through, describing the orchard beyond. Eventually the curtains are drawn and, although there are fewer cherry trees then we have a right to expect, the beauty of the massed white biossoms helps to explain why the feckless Ranyevskaya and her brother refuse to consider chopping them down.

Jutta Lampe's Ranyevskaya, a beauty in purple and sable when she arrives, soon shows the hopeless superficiality of the woman. Capable of pain, tears and so on, but the vanished orchard would have become just another ingredient for the irruptions of selfpity. Because Stein begins actions some time before the accompanying words, he shows how Charlotta's performance with a presend baby, which afterwards she throws away, precisely comments upon Ranyevskaya's actual behaviour with her daughter. had never twigged this before, and for such revelations even the cacophonous hammering is worth enduring.

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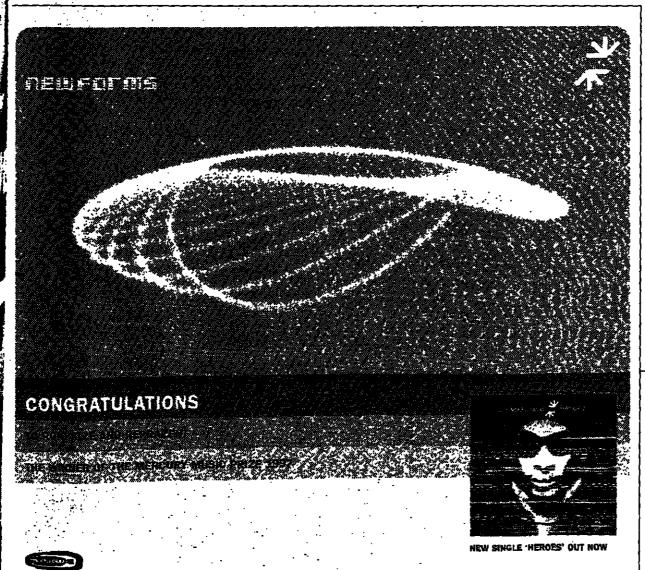
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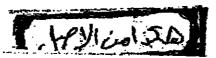
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n a few days' time. Scotland will decide whether it wants a - parliament in Edinburgh and, if so, whether it should have taxraising powers. A week later, Wales will decide whether it wants an assembly in Cardiff.

Absurdly, the Scots and Welsh will have to vote on this, the most significant constitutional issue for years, before Parliament has had a chance to debate and amend the required legislation. What if Parliament changes the legislation in a material way? Will there be a further referendum, as there should be? The answer is "no". The purpose of these referendums is to give the Government a blank cheque - which it will then use to stiffe debate in Parliament.

I fear the Government will not take this constitutional legislation on the floor of the House of Commons, even though this has always happened in the past. It will pack the Commons committees with placemen and deny most Members of Parliament the right to contribute to debate on an issue that will change the face of our country. And it will point to the results of the referendums, if the Scots and Welsh vote "ves", to prevent MPs changing the legislation.

The Government has treated the House of Commons with contempt on several occasions since the

Say no to this doomed enterprise

as the most serious. It is the Government of arrogance.

I hope the Scots and the Welsh will vote "no" in the referendums. I hope that for the sake of the United Kingdom as a whole, but also for Scotland and Wales: they have a lot to lose under the Government's

At present, every part of the United Kingdom does well out of the Union. Economically, the four countries of the Union benefit from a single market. Culturally, our lives have been enriched by our shared history and identity. Abroad, we get a stronger voice in organisations such as the European Union, G7. United Nations and Nato.

Nor does the Union prevent decisions being taken by the Scot-tish and Welsh people. As Prime Minister, I ensured that more and more power was devolved to indi-viduals, local communities and the people who serve them - such as teachers and doctors. Ironically, Labour opposed all that.

The previous Conservative Government also expanded the role of Scottish and Welsh MPs by in-creasing the powers of the Grand Committees. The Scottish Grand now has more say over purely Scottish Bills and its Welsh counterpart can do business in Welsh. Both can question members of the Cabinet, including the Prime Minister. The proposed Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly will not have the power to do that.

Labour says that devolution would promote the Union and give the Scots and Welsh more say over their own affairs. Whether it truly believes this I cannot say. I do know that devolution is more likely to break up the Union than promote it and that, in so far as it may offer the Scots and Welsh marginally more say over their own affairs in a few areas, this advantage is swamped by the disadvantages the advocates of devolution seek to hide.

Nor am I alone in believing that devolution would be the first step to breaking up our country: both the SNP and Plaid Cymru agree, which is why they are campaigning for a "yes" vote in the referendums. They want an independent Scotland and Wales and believe independence would follow the conflict between England, Scotland and Wales that devolution will inevita-

Conflict would be greatest with Scotland, where devolution takes on its most potent form. First, and most seriously, there is the West Lothian Question. After devolution, English MPs would have no say on purely Scottish affairs. And yet Scottish MPs at Westminster would be allowed to vote on purely English issues. This is odd on two counts - Scottish MPs at Westminster would not be able to vote on many issues that affect their own constituents because they would be dealt with in the Scottish parliament. But they could vote on the same issues affecting the constituents of English MPs. This is a nonsense and totally unacceptable. English MPs, and their constituents, would not — and should not — tolerate this situation for long.

It has been suggested that Scottish MPs should not be allowed to vote on purely English issues. But suppose they were banned from voting on English matters. That would mean the governing party could have a majority in the House unanswerable. My constituents of Commons on some issues, but not on others. It would be a recipe for chaos. Should, for example, a Government resign if beaten on an important issue upon which it was a minority? The Government has not even addressed these issues.

Secondly, public spending has traditionally been higher in Scot-land and Wales than in England. The difference is quite significant: £871 per head more in Scotland and £609 per head more in Wales during 1995-96. The English accept that resources should be allocated according to need - and, for that reason, have been willing to help to provide essential services in Scotland and Wales. But as living standards have risen in Scotland over the past 20 years this transfer of resources has become progressively less defensible.

Now, under the devolution proposals, Scotland will have its own tax-raising powers. But if, as Lab-our claims, the Edinburgh parliament could cut income tax in Scotland by 3p in the pound then the case for ending the transfer of

Nor would devolution truly give would not take kindly to, in effect, subsidising tax cuts in Scotland.

In practice, however, a Scottish parliament would not cut taxes. It would increase them, initially by the "tartan tax" of 3p in the pound, which would hit the low-paid especially hard. The average Scotsman would end up paying an extra £6 a week in income tax. Later, it would go up further. New parlia-ments increase taxes — all history shows us that.

evolution would also have a devastating effect on business as Sir Bruce Pattulio, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, has warned. His comments were echoed by Scottish Financial Enterprise, which represents the country's financial services industry. The extra tier of government would delay decisions and burden firms - it would create uncertainty and hence cut investment and cost jobs. As Scotland and Wales became uncompetitive, they would become once again the unemployment blackspots that

moved over the past IS years. So devolution would hurt business, It would hurt people. It would take power away from individuals and mean higher taxes for Scots. It would eventually lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom.

more powers to the Scottish and Welsh people Only independence would do that and when the frustrations of the Government's ill-thought-out halfway house become apparent, independence is what will be demanded. What devolution does is create another layer of politicians and bureaucrats - who would increase red tape, put up taxes and take power away from individuals and the new unitary authorities. In practice, more pow-er will be sucked up from local authorities than devolved from the

House of Commons. I write as an Englishman and for that reason many Scots may choose to turn a deaf ear to what I say. But as an Englishman I can see clearly how non-Scots will react to devolution and a Scottish tax-raising

parliament.
I like and admire Scotland and the Scots. Their contribution to the United Kingdom has been immense. I do not wish to see them embark on this doomed enterprise. They face a fateful decision and (wish them the wistiam to vote "no".

Jeffrey Bernard is really unwell

The poet of alcohol and tobacco deserves to die with dignity

effrey Bernard is seriously unwell. His "Low Life" column in The Spectator has run 21 years but did not appear this week. Previous ones written from his Middlesex Hospital bed have suggested that the end is near. Deciding to withdraw from kidney dialysis is, he writes, like being a prisoner in front of a firing squad. The victim sees soldiers pull their triggers but must stand, watching the bullets coming slowly towards him for three weeks or more".

Bernard's way of death is only public because he chooses to make it so. He has fashioned a career from the introspection of the saloon bar drunk. For two decades he has been a one-man gossip column about himself. A long-running play by Keith Waterhouse in Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell did for middle-class alcoholism what Trainspotting did for

heroin. It made the awful seem commonplace. If art is a mirror of society, 👢 these portrayals of addiction are grotesque. Heroin is glamorised movies, fashion make-up,

and ministers sending MI6 to Those on the onium dens of the Orient. Addiction to alcohol is treated with endearment. Peter O'Toole delighted West End audiences by imitating Bernard, rolling across the stage decrying those who abused drunkenness. There is, he implied, a loveable addict in

Smoking and drinking, to both of which Bernard has been in thrall since youth, have remained his stock in trade to the end. He has become the de Quincey of the bottle and the fag, deftly drawing readers into his Soho half-life, with its longdead ghosts. For him hospital has plainly been hell, testing to destruction his mastery of selfpity. His last few columns have been closet pleas for another puff in the loo or another drink under the sheets.

Yet while his reminiscences of Soho life had risked becoming tedious, Low Life at the Middlesex has brought us back to reality with panache.

Bernard's journalism is no longer that of self-abuse but of hospital-abuse. His rage is directed outwards. He throws down a gauntlet at those who dismiss him as nothing but a soak. Soaks have rights, he cries, not least when their drink and tobacco taxes must have paid for their treatment and to spare. Like a good columnist, Ber-

nard is liberal in his hates. He now hates doctors. "I hear endlessly how sympathetic, understanding and compassionate they are." he protests, "and I don't believe a word of it." They seem immune to his cries of pain. He is prescribed 50 units of pethidine. A nurse refuses to give him more than 25 because "in her judgment" that is enough. How dare she be the judge of his pain? He turns to wondering what pain way of retaliation.

After the pethidine comes the Chlorpromazine, again underprescrib-

ed by his "palliative care team", so that his home visits are spent in an agony of itching. Time was when his aches and pains were relieved with a

few vodkas. dialysis are not allowed alcohol, yet are restricted in their intake of painkillers. Bernard writes as a man who has surrendered his physical self to an authoritarian abstraction. His organs are no longer his to mess about. To do so would damage something far greater than a mortal body. It would spoil the handiwork of an esteemed profession. To him, the NHS has become an exercise in preemptive body-snatching.

There are battles over every pleasure. A friend in another ward is refused permission to drink a Guinness, the day before he dies of cancer. Everyone must eat pre-cooked "franchised" food under direction of a hospital dietician. Bernard cannot have a tomato and beetroot salad. Nor is he allowed a Chinese takeaway, since its potassium additives "might cause a heart attack". The tea is powdered and has him pouring with sweat. Many hospital patients, in-



Jeffrey Bernard (left) argues with Peter O'Toole, who played the heavy-drinking columnist on the West End stage

cluding those with illnesses unrelated to smoking, are addicted to nicotine. For them a cigarette can make pain more bearable. At very least, nicotine is surely an allowable comfort to the terminally ill. Apparently not at the Middlesex. It is a "no-smoking" hospital and the dying must set an example to the living. For some patients this must be truly awful. Bernard's plea for a room for addicts to have the brief respite of a smoke is refused. "If a man can't take a Woodbine with him to his death." he wails, "then there is indeed a bit of hell on earth."

I do not know Jeffrey Ber-nard and carry no brief for his behaviour in hospital. He appears a near intolerable patient, a parody of the hypochondriac in Doctor in the House, Staff at the Middlesex must endure his complaints and then see themselves traduced in The Spectator. In their place, some might be tempted to substitute strychnine for pethidine. Nor will Bernard elicit much public sympathy. Dialysis is expensive and is normally reserved for the otherwise healthy. He is lucky to have any reprieve. however brief and however miserable he finds it. If a government demanded compulsory private insurance for all heavy smokers and drinkers, most people would say

Yet death from any cause has become expensive. Smoking and drinking. I am told, are cost-effective to the NHS. Those who die young from lung cancer and renal failure make smaller lifetime claims on the health budget than those who live to old age. The latter require new hips, heart bypasses, drugs and geriatric care. The case against smoking on "health cost" grounds is simply wrong. Those who choose to die this way do the rest of us a favour.

Yet the force in Bernard's complaint is not the cost but the indignity. In his weekly rerun of Shaw's Doctor's Dilemma, he has accused medicine of treating his death as an exercise in professional arrogance. His final months have been not so much miserable and painful but in his view unnecessarily so. Intensive treatment may keep a patient become a patient transformed

by drugs, imprisoned by hospital rules and damned by deprivation.

that patients have choices. Dialysis is not compulsory and the sick can make "living wills", legally restricting medicine's freedom to intervene in death. Bernard chose to extend his life by means of medicine. Despite having tried suicide before, he admitted when beginning dialysis that "death has lost its charm". Like Woody Allen, he decided rather late to seek immortality by not dying.

That shocked him, and shocks others in similar straits, are the humiliations inflicted on those who make this choice. To the able-bodied, a glass of Guinness or a cigarette may seem a trivial sacrifice in the cause of frontline medical discipline. To those dying in a strange bed, they can be the most intense of comforts. Even condemned murderers were once allowed such consolations. Shaw was right. All profes-

sions are conspiracies against

the laity. Anyone at the mercy

that matter, a journalist will know the meaning of profes-sional capture. There is no His doctors will rightly say escape without pain. With medicine there may be no escape, period. Spurred on by negligence lawyers, ambulance-chasing reporters, league tables and public hyste-ria over health scares, doctors have hijacked death. Social service staff find it near impossible to allow an old person's

> may have been the fondest wish of the dying? The handling of death has been nationalised. The final experience of the human will is commandeered by an agency of the State, the NHS. To ram home its authority, hospitals impose their own rules and disciplines, in collusion not with patients but with the freemasonry of medicine.

wish to die at home. They may

be sued for neglect. "Died

alone" is a shock headline to a

newspaper. Who cares that it

of a lawyer, an architect or, for

So good luck to Jeffrey Bernard. I hope he can restore dignity to his escape. I hope he plots his own exit, draws his own map, and carries with him the consolations of his choosing.

Single-sex schools top the league tables. Averil Burgess explains

Girl power is no secret

To one who has for many with any sense would be years been arguing the merits of girls schools. the examination league tables bring annual satisfaction. Nothing could more clearly show how successful singlesex schools are at educating girls than the tables published this week. But the results have been consistent since they first appeared. What is notable is that girls are now at the top in

A levels as well as in GCSE. Concern about girls' underachievement during the 1970s and 1980s was particularly focused on poor performance in maths and science. Now it has given way to worry about boys doing badly. What expla-nations can be offered for girls academic dominance?

It was in the GCSE tables that girls' schools first had notable success. This year they won eight of the top ten places. It came as no surprise to those of us who have taught in girls' schools, but it seems to have astonished many. An explanation had to be sought, and was found, in the nature of the

examination itself. The change in examination methods which came with GCSE undoubtedly played to girls' strengths, and coursework particularly benefited those whose low self-confidence meant they did not do well under examination timepressure. Many of the old generalisations hold. Girls are usually more effective at sustained effort, they do collaborate naturally, and their tendency to understate their achievements does provide a spur to hard work. But there is far more to it than this.

In the A-level tables published in The Times this year, girls' schools took six of the top ten places, with Withington and St Paul's Girls first and second. It looks as if the success established at GCSE is feeding through to A level, and the self-confidence of today's young women and their schools is justified by this and steadily increasing success in

the employment market.
So marked and extraordinary is the dominance of single sex schools in general, and girls schools in particu-lar, in examination league tables, that any government

mounting a campaign to in-

crease their number. Girls in girls' schools do so well because the expectations of all concerned with them promote success. Their parents, in their choice of school, have out academic satisfaction and personal confidence firmly on the agenda; the staff set high standards, based on years of experience of what heights girls can achieve: learning with other girls pro-vides appropriate challenge, shared goals and the absence of distraction by boys at the most vulnerable time in a girl's development. I am not only thinking about academic results, either. Perhaps equally important is the great sense of confidence which comes with taking leadership responsibility and sharing in a rich

extracurricular life Much of this might apply to boys too. All observations in the mixed classroom indicate that it is the boys who dominate, sometimes even impeding the work of girl students. Experiments in single-sex setting over the past 20 years have been helpful to girls. especially in mathematics. The present concern about boys' achievements has led some schools to try single-sex setting over a wider range of subjects. The benefit to boys too is becoming apparent, especially in English. The league tables provide evidence of the success of single-sex education for

Many of the schools that top the league tables, whether boys' or girls', state or independent, are selective and could be expected to do well. But this is not the only or even the principal explanation. Among the independent girls schools which come high in the table are many which are not particularly selective, either because of location, or because high boarding fees make free selection difficult. Yet they achieve outstanding results. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that a crucial factor is single sex schooling. What about it, Mr Blunkett? The author is a former Headmistress of the independent girls school, South Hampstead High School.

In hot water

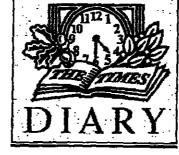
DIANA, Princess of Wales, has been branded "utterly irresponsible" and accused of setting a bad example to the young with her recent cavortings in the Mediterra-nean with Dodi Fayed. She is in deep trouble for not wearing a lifejacket while racing about on a jet



Bad example. Di and Dodi

The Princess and Dodi, on their third cruise in little over a month, have been zipping about off Sardinia on a jet ski made for two. But while Dodi was pictured in a buoyancy aid, Diana was wearing just her swimsuit and a pair of ungainly flippers. In a week when there have been calls to regulate the use of jet skis after the second fatal accident this year, the Personal Watercraft Association has gone into overdrive.

"Going out on a personal water-craft without a lifejacket is utterly irresponsible," froths Graham Stuart. the organisation's president.
"We are really glad that the
Princess and her family are keen personal watercraft users, but she really ought to wear a buoyancy aid at all times, if not for her own safety then as an example to others. These machines can go quite fast and if you fell off you could knock yourself out or get cramp and be in real trouble. Practically all riders in Britain wear a lifejacket, even on a supervised lake. We shall write to



the Princess expressing our concern in the strongest terms."

Meanwhile, the photographs of the Princess and Dodi are being brought to the world by a team of waterbike couriers who relay the paparazzis' films back to the shore. I am assured they are all wearing life jackets.

Cliffhanger

AFTER more than two decades of waiting, the first chapters of Sir Edward Heath's memoirs will be seen by a publisher for the first time this weekend. The manuscript of an initial instalment was sent out to Hodder Headline yesterday and there is now genuine optimism that the magnum opus might finally be published next year. Ever since he was forced out as

leader in 1975, Sir Edward has been said to be writing his memoirs. There have been a number of false starts, culminating in him returning a £50,000 advance from Lord Weidenfeld. But friends say that with the Tory party enduring a period of soul-searching, the writer's block lifted and the Father of the House, who is \$1, rumbled into action. "He has long sessions dictating to assistants," says a Heathite. "It's tiring for him and pretty intense for them."

Such a drag

BY the time Glenda Jackson arrives at work at the Department of Transport she has smoke coming out of her ears. Cigarettes are taboo in all but the odd specified cell at the ministry. Her boss, Gavin Strang, is particularly sensitive to smoke pollution which adds to the frisson that already exists in their working relationship. Jackson has thus taken to puffing heroically for the duration of her car journey to work in order to endure the day. Nevertheless, officials report that windows have been opened and lans switched on full power to enable the odd sly gasper.

Lost a tenor

THE sotto voce whispers on the international opera circuit concern Placido Domingo and a production of Britten's Peter Grimes which



Opera next year, to be directed by Britain's John Schlesinger, who made the film Midnight Cowboy. Now, sadly, one third of the three tenors is apparently no longer to tackle the part. The lead role is one of the hardest a tenor can take on," says an insider. "It was specifically written for Britten's lover and is quite idiosyncratic." Like the great

man himseif.

An eye opener

was pencilled in for the Los Angeles

WHILE cinemagoers flock to see Robert Carlyle smoulder and strip as a steelworker in The Full Monty. the film has provoked some eyewatering material on the internet A colleague stumbled across an un-official Web site for the film from

Foresight Europe Ltd. The site has been inundated with pictures of readers husbands, apparently all taken at the climax of auditions for the raunchier male dance trouges. By all accounts it is grisly stuff. The response has been excellent," says a stunned sound. ing designer at Foresight. It's a miracle that people actually choose



Bus stopped: Jilly Cooper

Bad news for Jilly Coopers favourite riders. A bus service that the novelist launched from her home village has failed to attract enough passengers. The "Cheltenham Flyer service from Bisley, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, to Cheltenham is to be ared on Monday. "It is so hard to get people out of their motor cars," says Jilly, who likes to get stuck into community

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BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Devolution will change the whole United Kingdom

It is the biggest constitutional change in the United Kingdom for a generation and the people of England have scarcely spoken yet. Their quiet concerns should be heeded now, for if they are not then they will find harsher expression soon enough. Devolution for Scotland and Wales is, as John Major rightly notes on the opposite page, a matter of profound importance for all the citizens of what is still the United Kingdom. The appetite for greater autonomy in Scotland and Wales is real and durable, the argument for better democratic scrutiny of administrative powers already devolved is well made, but devolution is far more than a matter of new buildings for Edinburgh and Cardiff. It will profoundly after the architecture that holds together the British State. The changes proposed presage a new battle for Britain.

The armies, and arguments, are already being marshalled. Next month the thinktank Demos will launch a pamphlet to ride the referendum wave which attempts to grapple with the notion of "Britishness". The Demos pamphlet argues for a "re-branding" of Britain in line with the Prime Minister's professed desire to build a "young country". While an aversion to marketing jargon and high-falutin rhetoric is one defining mark of the British character, the packaging of the pamphlet should not obscure its content. It reiterates obvious truths. There are distinctive and contemporary British characteristics which owe something to the mongrel nature of the British State, and which make the United Kingdom more than the sum of its parts. The pamphlet identifies a particular global outlook, an innate adaptability, political maturity, creative energy and cultural pluralism as reasons for pride in Britain. The pamphlet is a welcome reproof to those who argue that the British nation state must shortly become one with Nineveh and Tyre.

It is in the interests of maintaining the integrity of the United Kingdom, Labour argues, that devolution is necessary. Not to accommodate Scotland's differences within the Union through a parliament would only encourage greater support for independence. The argument has sincere, and impressive, advocates in politicians of the stature of Donald Dewar and George Robertson, but many of their colleagues within the Labour Party share neither their analysis nor their scruples. Nationalist rhetoric has been adopted by Labour politicians to attack Tory Governments. Measures were opposed not on the basis that they were ideologically wrong, but on the grounds that Scots had not voted for them.

The poll tax is a case in point. The legislation was flawed in conception and executed insensitively, but many in Labour attacked it not as a measure offensive to egalitarian principles but one specifically objectionable to Scottish sentiment. This appropriation of Braveheart rhetoric was accompanied by a fainthearted approach to the nationalist challenge. It led the Scottish Labour Party to base its devolutionary scheme on a document, The Claim of Right, which seeks to accommodate nationalist arguments rather than take them on.

The positions struck by Labour in the past. and adopted now as it campaigns shoulderto-shoulder with the Scottish National Party, inevitably provoke concern among those, of all parties, committed to keeping the kingdom united. That concern, it now appears, extends well beyond Scotland. In a poll of English voters for BBC Radio Five Live released last night, 57 per cent of those polled feared that devolution would damage the United Kingodm as a whole.

English voters do not need to be aware of all the strains which might be placed on the Union, outlined by Mr Major opposite, to sense that those in the vanguard of this scheme are not those known for their love of the British State. Labour has yet to show how it will prevent its parliament becoming a separatist ramp. When elections are held for an Edinburgh assembly, in the depths of Labour's mid-term, the main beneficiaries may be the nationalists. Would Labour in Scotland ally with the Tories to deny the nationalists power? Mr Blair must give all these matters serious thought if the young country he wants to create is not to prove two - a lesser England and a smaller Scotland.

VALIANT FOR TRUTH

A Japanese professor's courageous courtroom battle

Saburo Ienaga, the author of more than 40 400 passages in the New History of Japan it distinguished historical works, is a Japanese historian so eminent that in ordinary circumstances his long career would by now have been crowned with domestic honours. mention of his name in official circles has, for 32 years, evoked distaste and embarrassment. The reason is his long and lonely crusade against the censorship by the Education Ministry of his school textbook accounts of Japan's wartime record.

Yesterday this now frail 83-year-old, who has shrugged off both ostracism and previous legal defeats, won his final battle. Japan's Supreme Court ruled that the ministry had acted unlawfully in ordering him to delete from a textbook all reference to Unit 731 in China's Harbin province, where Japanese military doctors performed lethal and appallingly cruel bacterial warfare experiments on live prisoners. Despite a wealth of evidence from survivors and from guiltstricken Japanese, the ministry had ruled that the camp's very existence was supported

by "no credible academic research". For Mr Ienaga, the Supreme Court decision is a personal triumph, but only a partial victory. The court rejected seven other claims and, by sitting as a "petty bench" of only five of its full complement of 15 judges, declared itself unable to rule on his central charge that state censorship of the content of textbooks violates academic freedoms guaranteed under Japan's postwar Constitution. For Japan, the very fact that his legal odyssey has been necessary is a wrong that has yet to be properly addressed.

Mr Ienaga's campaign dates back to 1965, when the ministry's "certification council" ordered him to delete or rewrite more than

had commissioned from him. Among the offending passages which, 32 years later, the court ruled the textbook examiners to have been justified in censoring were his account of the notorious Nanking atrocities by Japanese invading forces in 1937 and his use of words such as "raped" and "violated", to which the ministry objected on the ground that rape by soldiers was "a common occurrence in wartime". Happily, Mr lenaga has had more success at the bar of public opinion than he has had in Japan's courts.

His courage and persistence have not only encouraged greater openness among teachers and academics in Japan, but have helped to make Japan's failure to face its past an issue throughout the region. An embarrassed Japanese Government has slowly revised Japanese textbooks, to give a more honest account of what happened. What was once described as Japan's "advance" into Asia is now termed "aggression", the Nanking massacre is acknowledged and, this year, children are being taught, although in brief and euphemistic language, about the Asian "comfort women" who were forced to provide sex in Imperial Army brothels.

Each step has, however, been bitterly contested by Japanese conservatives, who protest that Japan's children should be taught a history they can be proud of and that the Government is supine in bowing to foreign protests. Japan's political debate continues to reflect the enduring schizophrenia about the recent past in Japanese society, at once so pacifist and so proud. Mr lenaga believes passionately that truth is the best healer of these wounds. His stand embodies all that is most civilised in his ancient nation.

MAGNIFICENT PREDATORS

Russia's attempts to save Siberian tigers deserve world support

The tiger has prowled this planet for more than two million years but these magnificent predators may not survive another century. It is estimated that fewer than 5,000 now remain. Already three species - the Bali, Caspian and Javan - are extinct. The Siberian tiger, Panthera tigris altaica, could soon be joining them unless the conservation programme newly announced by the Russian Government can succeed in effecting far-reaching changes.

The snowbound forests of the Primorsky and Khaharovsk regions in Russia's remote east provide the last habitat for the Siberian tiger. But since the end of the Soviet Union, weakened authority and economic decline in these bleak territories have encouraged poaching. There is a lucrative market for tiger products in China and Korea, where they are used for traditional medicines. Tigers' bones are believed to heal ulcers and their brains are thought to remedy laziness and acne. A tiger carcass can command up to £10,000 on the Asian black market - far

more than an annual Russian salary. Wealthy hunters from Moscow and further afield are prepared to pay handsomely to bag a big cat. Telescopic rifles in hand, they scour the Siberian snows in helicopters. It is the pleasure of the kill they

relish, but local mafia organisations control the cross-border trade in tiger carcasses from Russian poacher via Russian customs officer to Chinese sellers and productmakers. For them this trade has become more profitable than peddling drugs. Bleakest estimates suggest that some 70 animals are killed every year. Furthermore, the plunder of the tigers' habitat by logging companies - several of them illegal threatens not only the cats but the fauna on which they prey. In 1995 the Russian Government set up a

Siberian tiger sanctuary, but did not have the budget to maintain it. Foreign donors such as the World Wide Fund for Nature were relied upon to finance anti-poaching brigades and monitoring units to track the whereabouts of animals by radio-collaring.

Populations have since increased - slowly. The Russian Government now takes a welcome step in offering fresh funds for the preservation of this glorious species. To many it has seemed glib that developed Western nations, no longer harbouring fierce predators in the wild, should clamour for the protection of such animals in other countries. Democratic Russia's decision to initiate its own conservation programme will be applauded across the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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over devolution

From Mr D. E. Ridler

Sir. A just and democratic way 10 resolve the debate on independent parliaments for Scotland and Wales would be to renegotiate the 1707 Treaty of Union and put forward proposals for a new treaty for the Scots, Northern Irish, Welsh and the English, to approve or not.

So far it appears to have been assumed, even by English MPs, that the English will accept any condition of membership of the "Union" which the Celtic members may demand, no matter how disadvantaged the English may be as a result. This is not necessarily the case. The English doubtless have a view and it should be heard. Just as the present conditions of membership of the Union may not suit the Celts, the present Government's proposals may not suit the English.

It may be that the English will want independence. They should be given the same chance to express their

Yours sincerely D. E. RIDLER, 9 Moor Green, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire. August 25.

From Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

Sir. The cavalier dismissal by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, of the views of Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, on the possible effect of tax increases by a Scottish parliament (report and leading article, August 23) appears to sug-gest that only professional politicians are qualified to express opinions on this very important matter. Such a suggestion is arrogant and unhelpful.

The electorate deserves to know what is involved before answering the second question in the referendum on tax-varying powers, and the views of someone with a lifelong experience of banking and business merit no less consideration than those of politicians lacking such experience.

Yours faithfully.
JAUNCEY of TULLICHETTLE, Tullichettle, Comrie, Perthshire. August 26.

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir. If we were to have a referendum on abortion, would we expect it to be limited to female voters? Or should the future of blood sports be decided solely by those who participate? ! think not. So why are opinions on Scottish questions not sought from the rest of Great Britain?

there are many non-Scots who hold views on the subject. Those who voted one way may earnestly wish to stay united with the Scots, those who voted the other way may just want to be shot of them, but some 84 per cent seemed to want to have a say.

Much the same presumably applies to issues concerning Wales, and for that matter Northern Ireland or even Cornwall.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN DYKE, Gore House. Warhorough, Oxfordshire. mhin duke@comnuserve.com

August 29.

Sir, I am sure many English people, viewing events in Scotland with some anxiety, will agree with your position that The Times could only support Scottish devolution on the basis that it will strengthen the Union (leading article, August 23).

However, the doubtful issue as to whether or not Scottish devolution will indeed strengthen the Union is surely clarified when we consider that one of those in the best position to assess this, Mr Alex Salmond as Leader of the Scottish National Party. clearly thinks it will not.

Yours sincerely, T. R. GRAVES SMITH, 25 Saxholm Way, Southampton, Hampshire. August 29.

Millennium Dome

From Mr A. P. Mason Sir, We should cherish the Millen-

nium Dome during its brief existence. Tacky, synthetic and impermanent, it is marvellously symbolic of much of today's Britain. The likelihood that most people are wholly uninterested in the millennium project — except for the gallant 95 per cent who, according to Jimmy Young, voted against it in a Radio 2 phone-in on August 22 — merely adds to the authenticity of the picture.

Yours faithfully PETER MASON. 133 Harestone Valley Road. Caterham, Surrey. August 23.

Chinese puzzle

From Ms Geraldine Johnson Sir. Mr Stephen Straker (letter, Au-

gust 29) should not despair about the puzzle of the composition of his Chinese sandals. If he searches his inner soul, he will find the answer.

Yours faithfully, GERALDINE JOHNSON. Latchwood, Tye Close, Saltdean, Brighton, East Sussex.

National concerns Africa's future lies in its own hands

From the Director of Oxfam

Sir. Manthew Parris ("Out of Africa's horror", August 22; see also articles. August 8 and 15; letters, August 16 and 21) is right: "looking away" from the problems in Africa is "cruel". There has been too much looking away. But the kind of engagement he is suggesting - the recolonisation of parts of the continent - is not, and never was, the

Africa has created many of its own problems through corruption and maladministration. But these have been compounded by international

Many Africans would question whether colonialism ever ended. Following independence, a lot of countries, including Angola and Mozambique, became battlegrounds for a proxy war between East and West. The legacy of these wars continues throughout the continent, at the expense of African lives and livelihoods.

Since the 1970s, the IMF and the World Bank have imposed their economic solutions on numerous African countries. Enormous debt repayments and structural adjustment programmes have undermined basic services like health and education, without creating new growth. In Uganda, where one child in five dies before their fifth birthday, the Government spends \$3 a person on health, \$17 a person on debt repayments. Oxfam has consistently called for those debts to be written off. Africa has paid its debts many times over.

It is time the international community gave its backing to African solutions for Africa. For example, the Organisation of African Unity is working towards economic union in Africa by the year 2030. It is through regional economic integration that small landlocked countries such as Rwanda and Burundi can create viable national

By supporting such initiatives and by removing trade barriers, rich coun-

tries not only help Africa towards genuine independence and prosperity, they also create a potential new marketplace for themselves.

Yours sincerely. DAVID BRYER,

Director Ordam (United Kingdom and Ireland), 274 Banbury Road, Oxford. August 22.

From Mr Olu Fasan

Sir. For all his admittedly splendid analysis of Africa's problems. Mr Parris errs badly in failing to recognise the spirit of the African people and in discounting the determined efforts of their leaders to jettison the misguided policies of the past and embrace economic reforms, based on free enterprise. It is as if, in Mr Parris's cynical view, such efforts, coming from Africa, could only lead to a blind alley.

To hanker after the recolonisation of Africa, as Mr Parris seems to be doing, is an insult to all Africans and a blatant disregard for the principle of self-determination. To be sure, Africa has problems, not least had leadership; but the solution lies not in the West taking over the continent as an administrator would an ailing company. Rather, it should be helping to promote good governance in Africa and to reduce corruption.

Is it not time to ask Swiss and other Western banks to name and shame African leaders who are hiding money in these banks which neither their salaries in office nor legitimate personal investments outside it could justify? Is it not time this money was returned to help develop Africa, or, if you like, pay off its debt?

Yours faithfully, OLU FASAN (Editor). Marketfinder International, 272 Queens Road, SE14. August 23.

Greenhouse gases

From Professor A. J. McMichael and Dr Mike Hulme

Sir, Without wishing to comment on the dispute between BP and Greenpeace (letters, August 25, 28), we would like to remind readers of the seriousness of the potential threat caused by our continued use of lossil fuels and the consequent accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmo-

The resulting environmental damage occurs both locally — as evidenced the deterioration of air UK cities in the past few weeks - and also globally.

As scientists studying the impacts of climate change, we consider that adverse effects on human populations are likely to result from changes in weather patterns, shifts in storm frequencies, rises in sea level, and the consequent spread of various pests and infectious diseases. A wide variety

of ecosystems throughout the world will be at increasing risk. We have little idea whether or not human societies can cope with such adverse effects. Hence, the prudent

course of action is to limit the source of the problem. Major shifts in investment away from fossil fuels will therefore be required to make the necessary reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Large companies like BP seem to us to be well placed to take

an active part in investing in these

There is no doubt that precaution-

Yours sincerely. A. J. McMICHAEL MIKE HULME (Climatic Research Unit. University of East Anglia). London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. University of London.

Keppel Street, WC1.

Sexism and cars

From Mrs Eunice Hinds Sir, I agree with Mr David Mungall

(letter, August 25) about the sexist assumptions in used-car adverts. From Dr Tom Graves Smith When I sold my Audi 80 I could have advertised "one lady owner" but thought it might not give an accurate impression of a car with 150,000 miles on the clock, which had travelled to the Czech Republic to organise a conference, done a daily 45 miles round-

> ners of the British Isles with me on business, done the school run and been used to help my son learn to Then again, when my husband was selling his Rover, with 35,000 on the clock and only used locally to travel to work and do the shopping, "one gentleman owner" somehow did not

trip to my office, travelled to all cor-

seem to have the right connotations

Yours sincerely, EUNICE HINDS, 321 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.

From Mrs Vivienne Apple

Sir, Having just traded in my onelady-owner G-reg Metro for a one-lady-owner N-reg equivalent, I sus-

Sir, In discussing the case of Myra Hindley, Mr Gerald Long (letter.

washed clean of his crimes ... by a brief ritual". The Catholic Church believes that a necessary condition of God's forgiveness is genuine repen-tance, which is a possibility for even the perpetrator of the most unspeakable wickedness. This does not necessarily mean that society should immediately release such a criminal, but nor does it mean that it should never do 50.

Yours faithfully. ALAN PAVELIN. 172 Lessons Hill. Chislehurst, Kent. August 25.

pect that political correctness is being used as some kind of red herring in your letters column.

Not only is the low mileage and pristine condition of my "new" car attractive, but it also guarantees that the lady owner. like me, didn't use it as an ego booster, mobile rubbish bin or a rollercoaster in which to bounce over

sleeping policemen at 40mph. Does this make me a sexist, or

Yours faithfully. VIV APPLE, 38 Harrow Road. West Bridgford, Nottingham. August 26.

From Mrs Linda Hiller

Sir, Some years ago, when part-exchanging my car. I suggested to the salesman that he advertise it as belonging to "one careful lady owner". He replied that this was not possible as he would be in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Act.

I did not inquire if this alluded to "careful" or "lady". I still do not wish to know. Yours faithfully.

LINDA HILLĒR. 239 Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers. Chelmsford, Essex. August 25.

From Mrs Allison Walker-Morecroft Hindley campaign Sir. For one who abhors the arrogance

From Mr Alan Pavelin

of Lord Longlord's campaign on behalf of Myra Hindley, Mr Gerald Long exhibits a fair amount in his let-ter. The "tiny minority" he mentions August 25) both misrepresents Cathois, in fact, the whole Christian lic teaching on confession and absolution, and fails to distinguish God's for-Church. The most heinous crimes are forgiven in the light of true repengiveness from that of society.
It is most certainly not the case that tance, if we are to believe the words of "the most abominable criminal can be Jesus: "Take need to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him"

> Hindley's contrition, real or otherwise, is between her and Almighty God. Anyway, who decides who is a lesser sinner"? Not Mr Long, surely.

(Luke xvii. 3).

ALLISON WALKER-MORECROFT 47 Colman Road, Norwich, Norfolk. August 25.

Letters may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Learning morali from classical pa

From Mr John N. Davie

Sir, Lesley Chamberlain is to applauded for her article on the ne for clear moral teaching in scho and for finding in Socrates the id teacher of ethics ("A moral victory Socrates", August 25). We will no know how much Plato idealises master in his dialogues, but it is his not to be impressed by a man wargued, 400 years before Christ, the suffering injustice is preferable

Much of classical literature is op ly didactic, from Homer and the regedians to Terence and Livy, ill trating how men and women sho (and should not) live by the use moral exemplars. If one accepts t human nature changes little over centuries, there is much for toda young people to learn from the clacal past in the sphere of morals, pa cularly during the early days of Roman Republic.

Modern pupils may find it biza that a Roman general should he returned to his enemies in Carthage face a lingering death simply becar he had given them his word; bu does them no harm to ponder on i

Yours faithfully, JOHN DAVIE (Head of Classics). Paul's School. 10 Kinnaird Avenue, W4. August 25.

From Ms Marianne Talbot

Sir, I am wholly supportive of Les Chamberlain's wish to use the Sox tic method to teach moral values young people and I wish her luck. However, as the consultant charby the School Curriculum and Asse ment Authority with carrying forw the work of the National Forum Values in Education and the Com nity. I would like to put right an ir curacy in her account of the foruwork. There is no sense whatsoeve which that work is "paving the v

forum's work is based is designed help schools do their own think about how they wish to prom pupils' spiritual, moral, social a cultural development, to stimul ideas, trigger enthusiasm and diss inate existing good practice.

for compulsory lessons" in morali

The SCAA's guidance on which

The forum's statement of values, from being relativist, demonstra once and for all that however plura our society there are still values which we all subscribe.

This will provide immense couragement to schools who, wh recognising and celebrating the m differences between us, do not wan lose sight of the common human that makes these differences, in very important sense, irrelevant.

Yours faithfully. MARIANNE TALBOT. Brasenose College, Oxford. August 25.

Aitch through the net

From Mr Benjamin Levy

Sir, There is something fishy ab the "Spell check" panel in your rep today, headed "Master wordsmi fail spelling test". Is your spelling ichthyological without the first a a deliberate mistake, or is the wf article a cod?

Yours faithfully and orthographica BENJAMIN LEVY, Enterprise Chambers, 9 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2

August 29. From Mr Francis Wood Sir. Was today's spelling test a herring?

Yours etc. FRANCIS WOOD. l Bartlemy Road, Newbury, Berkshire. August 29.

Spelling it out

From the Consultant Editor of He lines

Sir, It is with great embarrassm that I note a glaring example of a r spelling in the pages of the curr issue of this magazine. I dictated ect to our printers over the telephor late story concerning a project invi ing, I was surprised to read sul quently, a first faze and a second fa I feel somewhat phased by

experience. Yours faithfully DEREK E. HARVEY, Consultant Editor. He lines.

Streamline Fashion Publishing Lie 6-8 Vestry Street, N1. August 29.

Heavenly measures

From Canon Arnold Nicholas Sir. In a report today headed "Gra robbed for garden ornaments" include the intriguing informat that "one of Europe's largest ceme ies has lost six lifesized angels".

Just how big is a "lifesized angel

Yours faithfully, ARNOLD NICHOLAS, 19 Roman Way. Fishbourne, Chichester, West Sussex August 26.



SOCIAL NEWS

Royal British Legion Festival Hall, London, on Saturday.

The Queen and The Duke of November 8 and will attend Edinburgh will attend the the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph. Whiteof Remembrance in the Albert hall, at Ilam the following

Lady Norreys gave birth to a son on August 26 in Gibraltar.

Helene Hanff

A memorial service for Helene Hanff (author of 84 Charing Cross Road) will take place in St Paul's Church, Inigo Place (between Bedford Street and King Street). London WC2, at noon on Tuesday. September In. All are welcome: for tickets please send a SAE to Aurum Press. 25 Bedford Avenue. London WCIB 3AT.

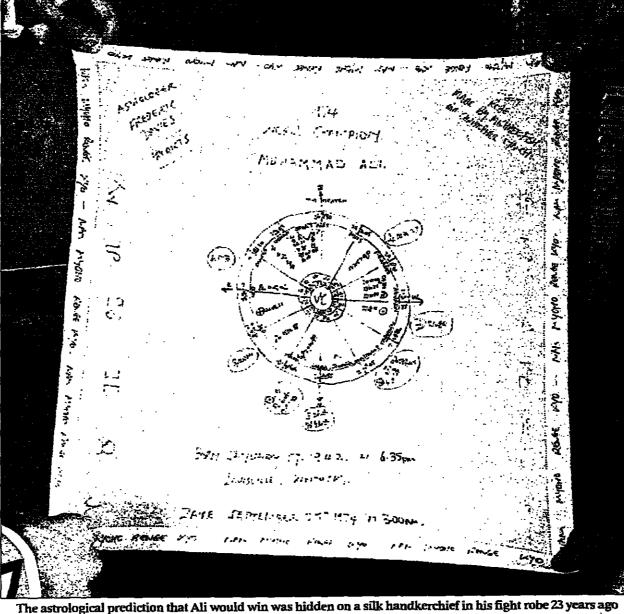
Professor Jack Perry

The 48 Group Club will be holding a memorial gathering for Jack Perry on Tuesday, September 9. The event will be held at Church House. Westminster between 10,30am and 1,00pm. Members of both Houses of Parliament, the Chinese Embassy, the British business community and many others will be present. Enquiries: 0161 S33 0261/0171 493 4009.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Or Barbara Ansell, rheumatologist, 74; Sir Harold Atcherley, former chairman. Toynbee Hall, 79: Lord Brain, 71: Sir Patrick Branigan. QC. former Attorney-General. Gold Coast, 91: Sir Charles Burman, former chairman. Tarmac. 89: Mr Allan Davis. theatre director, 84: Mr A.P. Dyer, former chief executive chairman, BOC. 65; Mr Daniel Finkelstein, director, Conservative Research Department. 35: Mr Kenneth Gill. trade unionist, 70: Dr A.B. Gilmour. former director, NSPCC, 69: Mr M.R. Harris. company director. 75: Lord Healey, CH, 80: Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, 62: Lord Keith of Castleacre. Sl: Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter. former chairman, British Medical Association, 63; the Countess of Longford, 81: Miss Sue MacGregor, broadcaster, 56: Dr Peter North, FBA, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 61: Sir Peter Parker. former chairman, British Railways Board, 73: Mr John Peel. broadcaster, 58; Sir Henry Phillips, former colonial administrator, 83: Mr lan Prutton, inventor of the round tea bag. 50: Miss Pamela Stringer, former Headmistress. Clifton High School for Girls, 69: Professor J.M. Thoday. FRS, geneticist, 81: the Very Rev Professor T.F. Torrance, FBA, theologian, \$4: Mr Sydney Wooderson, for-mer athlete, 83; Sir Philip Miss Joan Woodgate, former matron-in-chief. QARNNS,

Mr Eugene Anderson, former chairman and chief executive, Ferranti International, 59; His Honour Major Michael Argyle. QC. 82: M Serge Blanco. rugby player, 39; Admiral Sir Brian Brown, 03; Professor Robert Hanbury Brown, FRS, astronomer, 81; Sir James Cleminson, former chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 76: Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, 82; His Honour Alan de Piro. QC. 78: Miss Liz Forgan, former managing director. Network Radio BBC, 53: Sir William Francis, civil engineer, 71; Mr Richard Gere, actor, 48: Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, 83; Professor Christine King, Vice-Chancellor, Staffordshire University, 53: Viscount Leathers. 56: Professor Brian Livesley, London University Professor in Care of the Elderly, 61: Mr Clive Lloyd, cricketer. 53; Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, FRS, former director, Jodrell Bank Experimental Station. 84: Mr Van Morrison, singer. 52: Mr Edwin Moses, athlete. 32; Mr Bryan Organ. painter, 62: Mr Itzhak Perlman, violinist, 52: Sir Barry Sheen, former High Court judge, 79: Mr Cyril Spencer, former chairman. Waring and Gillow, 73: Mr Clive Standen. Principal, British School of Osteopathy, 45.



Ali's boxing robe reveals its secret at last

By Adam Fresco

A PREDICTION from a famous American astrologer that Muhammad Ali would win his famous "Rumble in the Jungle" against George Foreman has been found sewn into the lining of his fight robe 23 years after the bout in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The astrological birth chart was made by Frederic Davies, whose work featured in Vogue and British newspapers. Unknown to Ali it was put in the lining of his African-style robe by its designer. Michael Fish, before the October 1974 fight in Kinshasa.

Since the fight, which Ali won by a knockout in the eighth round to become world heavyweight champion again, the chart, sewn onto a silk handkerchief, has remained undetected.

It was only when Mr Fish saw on television during the week that Christie's were showing an exhibition of Ali memorabilia that he realised that inside the lining he could again see the chart. He and Mr Davies, who has since died, had decided to put it there without telling anyone else. He phoned Christie's and told the owner of the collection, Ronnie Paloger, where he could find the chart. Yesterday Mr Fish met Mr Paloger

and, for the first time since the fight, saw the chart and the robe, which is expected to fetch around £65,000. "I haven't mentioned it to anyone since the day it was placed in the robe. It is amazing to see it again," he said.

The collection of thousands of items, from pictures of Ali as a child, his boots. gumshields, robes and gloves to programmes and score cards, are being shown at Christie's over the weekend before going to New York and California where it will be sold in October.

Mr Paloger, who has been collecting Ali memorabilia since the early 1990s, said: "It is unbelievable."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Brown and Miss P.M. Carville

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Graham and Sylvia Brown, of Shenfield, Essex, and Patricia, daughter of Neil and Pat Carville, of Crawley, West Sussex

Mr A.W.A. Cameron and Miss S.J. McLaughlin

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Dr C.B. Cameron and of Mrs Cameron, of East Kennett. Wilshire, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr W.E. McLaughlin and Mrs S. McLaughlin, of London.

Mr S. Cotton and Miss S. Garvey The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Mike Cotton, of Ashow. Warwickshire, and Sylvie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Garvey, of Brussels, Belgium, Mr A.J. Galbraith

Mr A.J. Gainrain and Miss J.M.E. Mullane The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Galbraith, of Broomley, Northumbertand, and Juliene, daughter of Commander and Mrs Michael Mullane, of Raynes Park. London. Mr J.A. Johnston

and Miss J.V. May The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.A. Johnston, of Truro. Cornwall, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J. May, of

Horsmonden, Kent. Captain C.J. Parker

Captain C.J. Parker and Miss C.L. Worrall
The engagement is announced between Captain Christopher Parker, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, son of Mr and Miss Brian Parker, of Cowplain, Hampshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bichard ter of Mr and Mrs Richard Worrall, of Codsall Wood, Staffordshire.

Mr A.M.D. Rait and Miss C.E. Duckett The engagement is announced between Andrew Mark David, son of the late Mr and Mrs David Rait, and Catherine Emma, voungest daughter of Mr and Mrs George

Duckert, of Litton Mr G.G. Shire

and Miss C. Eiden and Miss C. Eiden
The marriage will take place on
Sunday. September 7. in Maryland. USA between Gavin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jeffery
Shire, of London, and Catherine,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Ed Eiden, of Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr C.J.A. Tugendhat and Miss S.K. Skipwith The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Tugendhat, of Ashley Gardens, London, SWI, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Skipwith, of The Ridgeway, Watford.

Marriages

Major J.C. Campbell, RA. and Miss J.R. Wright

The marriage took place on Sun-day, August 24, 1997, at the Church of St Andrew, Toddington, of St Andrew, Toddington, Gloucestershire, of Major Jona-than Campbell, elder son of Colo-nel and Mrs Malcolm Campbell, of Winchester, to Miss Julia Wright, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glya Wright, of Toddington.

Mr P.C. Rennie
and Miss A.J. Small
The marriage took place quietly on
Wednesday, August 13, 1997, at
Paphos, Cyprus, hetween Mr Peter
Charles Rennie and Miss Angela Jane Small.

A celebration of the marriage was held at the Long Lane Sports Club. Great Wyrley. West Midlands, on Saturday. August 23,

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Keith White, formerly working with Crosslinks in Zimbabwe, to be Vicar, Ipswich St John the Baptist (St Edmundsbury & (pswich). The Rev Allan Woods, NSM, West Wycombe w Bledlow Ridge.

ford), to be NSM, Terriers, High Wycombe (same diocese). Retirements and resignati The Rev Gordon Bennet, Vicar. Walton le Soken (Chefmsford) to

Bradenham and Radnage (Ox-

The Rev Roger Blankley, Priest-in-Charge, Charmouth & Catherston Leweston (Salisbury) to retire

The Rev Nicholas Gosnell. Chapam, St John's School, Leatherhead (Guildford) to resign on August 31. Canon Eric Richards. Vicar, Wykehans and Hutton Buscel, and Archbishop's Adviser on Rural Affairs (York) to resign on October

The Rev John Weyman, Vicar, Westcott (Guildford) to retire October 24.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacques-Louis David, painter, Paris, 1748; Sir John Rennie, civil engineer. London, 1794; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author of Frankenstein, London, 1797; Ernest Rutherford, Baron Rutherford of Nelson, physicist. Nobel laureate 1908. Spring Grove, New Zealand. 1871; Raymond Massey, actor. Toronto, 1896: John Gunther, journalist, Chicago, 1901.

DEATHS: Francis Baily, astronomer, London, 1844; Feargus O'Connor, Chartist leader, London, 1855; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1850; John Francis, sculptor, London, 1861: Georges Sorel. philosopher, Boulogne, 1922: Henri Barbusse, novelist, Moscow, 1935; Sir Joseph Thomson, physicist, Nobel faureate, 1906, Cambridge, 1940.

The first trams began running in Britain, operated by the Birkenhead Street Railway. 1860. The vacuum cleaner was pat-

ented by the Scotsman Hubert Cecil Booth, 1901. The evacuation to the country of children from British cities began, 1939.

BIRTHS: Charles Lever, novelist, Dublin, 1806; Theophile

Gautier, writer, Tarbes,

France: 1811: Hermann von Helmhoitz, scientist, poi Germany, 1821; Maria Montessori, educator, Chiravelle, Italy, 1870; Wilhelmina Queen of The Netherlands 1890-1948. The Hague, 1880: Billy Bombardier Wells. British heavyweight boxing champion 1911-19, 1889; Fredric March, actor, Racine. Wisconsin, 1897.

DEATHS: King Henry V. reigned 1413-22. Vincennes. France, 1422; John Bunyan, writer and preacher. London. 1688; Jon Keill, philosopher, Oxford, 1721; Arthur Phillip, 1st Governor of New South Wales, Bath, 1814; Charles Baudelaire, poet, Paris, 1867; Georges Braque, Cubist painter. Paris, 1963; Ilya Ehrenburg, novelist and poet, Moscow, 1967: John Ford, film director. California. 1973; Henry Moore, sculptor and painter, Hertfordshire, 1986; Urho Kekkonen. President of Finland 1956-82, Finland, 1986.

Mary Ann Nichols was murdered in Whitechapel. London, the first victim of Jack the Ripper, 1888.

Coca-Cola went on sale in Britain, 1900. The Threepenny Opera, by Kurt Weill and Bertold Brecht. was first performed in Berlin. 1928.

Malaya achieved independence from Britain, 1957.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL ABERDEEN: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch; 6.30 Ch

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 M. Responses (Morley). Turn thy face from my sins (attwood). The Dean; 3.15 Ch E. Brewer in D. Laudate nomen domint

BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 11 Euch. Metrical Gloria (Woodlands) BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Darke in F. Ave verum (Mozari). Rev V Cory: 4 Ch E, Responses (Rose). Sumsion in G. BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15 M: 10.30 Euch, Four part mass (Byrd), When David heard (Tornkins), The Provost: 4 Ch E. Turn back O man (Gilbert).

BRECON CATHEDRAL: I | Euch. Canon C J Colebrook: 3.30 E, Sumsion in G, J will lift up my eyes unto the hills (Walker).

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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green:
7.40 M: 8 HC; 10 Ch Euch, Coronation
Mass (Mozart). Ave Maria (Parsons).
Canon A Rediern: 3.30 Ch E. Bring us. O
Lord (Harris). Responses (Shephard).
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30
M: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina).
The grace of Christ (Palnting). The
Arch Dishop: 3.15 E. Responses
(Leighton), Kelly in C: 6.30 Compiline.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch,
Missa brevis in B flat (Mozart), Fantasia
in F minor (Mozart): 3 EP.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL 7.30 MP. 8 HC. 9.30 Euch: 11.15 Euch. Rev I Moody: 6 E, The Provost

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CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10
Ch Euch, Williams in G minor. Rev T
Barker. 11.30 Ch M. Responses
(Tomkins). Te Deum (Weelkes), Canon M
Rees; 3.30 Ch E. Responses (Reading).
Purcell in G minor: 0.30 Es. Canon M
Rees. Rees.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M.

Collegium regale (Howells). Bursalts
Prebendary; 11 S Euch. Mass for five
voices (Byrd). The Chancellor: 3.30 E.

Murrill in E. Achieved is the glorious
work (Handra).

work (Haydn).
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford:
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8 HC: 10 M. Canon Jeliney: 11.15 S Euch.
Missa gelerna Chrisii munera
(Palestrina). Ave verum corpus (Elgan,
Canon Peirce: 6 E. Collegium regale
(Howells), O Lord my God (S S Wesley).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP:
10.30 Euch. Collegium regale (Howells),
O bone Jesu (Radciiffe). Canon B Baisley;
5 E. It was in that train (Ferguson).
Responses (Tornkins). DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.45 S Euch, Darke in E. Deliver me (Parsons), Rev R Parsons; 6 E. Responses (Radcilife), Laudate Dominum (Sweelinck), Rev G Marshall.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 M. Responses (Shephard), Britten in C. Canon P Kent; 11.15 HC, Missa brevis (Palestrina), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Canon S Pedley, 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Murtili in E. The Bishop. ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, ireland in C, Jubilate in F (Darke), Rev P Dawes: 3.45 E, Stanford in C, God is gone up (Croft).

up (Croft).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: B HC; 9.45 S

Euch; 11.15 M. Responses (Bodley).

Stanford in B flat, Canon K Parry: 3 E,
Responses (Bodley), Stanford in G; 6.30

ES, My eyes for beauty pine (Howells),
The Dean.

The Dean.
GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.15 Euch. Missa Euge Bone (Tye). The Dean; 3 E. God be in my head (Lund).
GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S. Euch. Missa brevis (Fibich). O saviour of the world (Goss). Canon Dr M Palmer: 11.15 M. Jubilare (Somervelle). Canon J Schofield; 6:30 E. Responses (Smith). Walmisley in D minor. Rev J Smith. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch. Darke in E. Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré). Rev C Oldroyd; 11.30 M. Britten in C. Sing joyfully unto God (Byrd). LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch. The King shall rejoice (Handel), The Precentor: 4 EP. CALINGO PRINCE STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR UNCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30

Ch E: 4 HC.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 8
Euch: 9 Euch; 11 S Euch, Lord, for thy
tender mercy's sake (Farrant): 3.30 Ch E,
Responses (Ayleward), Short Service
(Byrd): 6.30 E. The Dean.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M: 9
Euch: 10.30 S Euch, Canon A Radcliffe;
3.30 E.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Canon R Langley: 6 EP. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 10.30 M, Responses (0xley): 6.30 S Euch. Mass of five melodies (Appleford). And didst inou travel light, dear Lord' (Shephard). NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8, 9 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Mass for four voices (187rd). O sacrum convivium (Taillis), The Archdeacon: 3.30 E, Collegium regale

Church services tomorrow (Howells), Bring us, O Lord God (Harris), Canon B Baker. PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 10.30 Euch, I hear the harps eternal (Parker), The Treasurer, 3.30 E. Give me legis (Cheming)

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 11 S
Euch, Rev P Jones; 6.30 E, The Provost.
RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 11.30 M,
Responses (Stewart), Te Deum in B flat
(Stanford): 12.30 Euch: 5.30 E, Responses
(Rose), Stanford in C. The Dean. (ROSe), Stanton in C., The Dean, ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Responses (Smith), Here O my Lord, I see thee face to face (Whitlock): 10.30 S Euch, Sumsion in F, Van N Warren; 3.15 E, O Praise the Lord (Bamen), Responses (Smith).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Missa Sancti Albani (Trant), Rev A Philip: 11.30 M, Responses (Ayleward), Stanford in B flat, Canon P Hardman: 3 E, Responses (Eaves), Collegium regale (Howells), Rev J Cavell

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Ch E, Responses (Horton). 10.30 Ch E. Responses (Hortorn).
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11
Ch Euch, Darke in F. O taste and see
(Vaughan Williams).
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S
Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina). The
Chancellor: 6 E. Responses (Shephard),
MUITIL In E. The Treasurer.
WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 C.
Canon R Gage; 11 S Euch, Canon R Gage.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch,
Collegium Regale (Howells), Ubi caritas
(Durnité), Rev P G Walker; 11.30 M, View
me, Lord (Lloyd); 3 E. Collegium regale
(Howells), And 1 saw a new heaven
(Bainton), Preb A P Bannister.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M.

(Bainton), Preb A P Bannister.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M,
Responses (Leighton), Britten in C,
Canon D Hutt; 11,15 Euch, Missa brevis
In F (Mozari), Almighty and everlasting
God (Gibbons), The Dean; 3 E, Magdalen
Service (Leighton), Rev J Gaskeli; 6.30 ES,
Rev R Holloway.
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M,
TE Deum in A (Gray), Rev A K Walker;
11.30 S Euch, Be Still, my soul (Ashfield):
3.30 St Woolos Service (Moore), Thou will
keep him in perfect peace (Sumsion), Rev
R Coggins.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 S Ench-

R Coggins.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch;
11.30 M: 4 E. Sumsion in G. Ex ore
innocentium (Ireland), Rev Dr J Toy.
STASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11
Ch Euch, Darke in F. O taste and See
(Yaughan Williams), Rev K Goulstone;
3.30 Ch E. ST GILES CATHEDRAL Edinburgh:8 MS; 10 MS, Missa Assumpta es Maria

(Eyrie), Rev R Frazer; 11:36 MS. Sing ST CLEMENT DANES; 11 Ch Euch, I was joyfully (Byrid). Rev R Frazer; 25 Glies at glad (Parry). Coronation Mass (Mozart), SIX: 8 ES, Rey D K Robertson.

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10:305
Euch, There is an old belief (Parry), St. Nicholas Mass (Haydin), The Provost; 3:30

MacLeod: 6:30 Rev C I MacLeod. Ch E. Faire is the heaven (Harris

Ch E. Faire is the heaven (Harris).

ST MACKHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Abendeen: 11 HC. 6 Rev D Molyneaux.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, Dublin: 8.30 Euch; 11.15 S Euch, Missa S Johannis de Deo (Haydn); 3.15 Ch E. Moeran in D. I know that my redeemer liveth (Handel).

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC: 8.45 M; 11 S. Euch, Ave Maria stella (Grieg), Splendore aeterna (Kyrle), Canon M. Saward; 3.15 E. Noble in A. Minor, Spiritus Domini (Nea), Rev J Cowling.

PUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, Enrismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Rievan and traditional polyphony, Met Anthony, ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 11 Rev R Tice: 6.30 Rev A Rider.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, Will I was glad (Sweelinck), Jesu dulcis memoria (Vitoria). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC: 11 M, Rey Dr P Elvy: 12.15 HC: 6 E, Rey Dr P

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CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15
Rev.I'M Frascr. 6.30 E.
FARM STREET. WI: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11.HM. 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev R Thorpe: 11 MS. Mr J Jennings; 5 informal Service, Mr E Parry; 7:30 informal Service; Mr E Parry; THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Sancti Nicolal (Haydni, O attitudo dividarum (Guerrero) 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V & B, Amor Jesu duicissime (Nanini).

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH:
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WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45
HC, Rev Dr L Griffiths; 11'MS, Rev Dr L
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WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL
(Methodist), SWI: 11. Rev Dr P Graves:
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ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.
Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC; 11 Ch Euch.
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ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Ch M &
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Canon J Oales: 6.30 Ch E. Responses
(Ayleward), Walmsley in D. minor, Canon
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ST JAMES'S. Piccadilly: 8.30 HC: 11 S
Euch, Rev D Reeves; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Strafford E15: 11 C. Rev J
Richardson; 6.30 EP. Rev M Okello.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 S Euch,
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ST MARKS, Regents Park Rd., NW1: 8
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Merbecke, Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SW1: 11
S Euch, Mass in five parts (Byrd), Ave
verum corpus (Byrd), Rev Dr P Bradshaw. ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch: 11.30 Visitors to London Service: 2.45 Chinese Service. Rev G Lee; 5 Ch E; 6.30 ES. The Vicar. ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Grayston Ives). Fr S Young: 6 & 8. 8. ST MARY'THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, New English Hymnal. Rev J Ovenden; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Missa Simile est regnum caelorum (A Lobo), Jubilate Deo (Lassus), Prof J Caldwell.

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S Euch, Solo voice service. Rev R
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ST PETER'S. Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15
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(Palestrina). Ecce Sacerdos magnus
(Victoria), Fr WP Keyes.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St, SW3: 8
HC: 11 M: 6.30-E. The Lord is a man of
war (Handel), Preb M McGowan.

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road, SW7: 9
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ANNIVERSARIES EVANS - Happy Anniversary Paul and Joqui, love Marc and Angels. Looking forward to March! to states:

JOYNES'- Darling Gary, On our
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES AWKSWORTH-FORD - Geral to June Northampton 30th August 1947. Now at West Moors, Dorset. DEATHS

ASHCROFT - Nan Suttle, specialist in wine artefacts, recently of The Hugh Johnson Collection, St Johnson Collection, St James's, London, youngest daugater of John and Jessik Kannedy of Greenock, Scotland, died peacefully at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, on August 25th 1997 aged 67. Beloved mother of Anne, grandmother of Duncan, dearly loved by Dirk, her dearly loved by Dick, her sisters, Myra, Margaret and Jessie and her dear friends. service will be held at Putney Vale Crountedium on Wednesday 3rd of September at 1 pm. Purpey vale circumstant on Wodnesday 3rd of September at 1 pm. Donadom, if desired, to The Boyal Maraden Hospital, Londom, in Hea of Gowers.

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BAVIES - Frederick William (Fred), aged 90, in Caunda on August 21at 1997. Loved husband of jozu, father of jim, john, Relann and Susan and granffather of Susah, Matthew, Peter, Alexandra, Anna and Theo. Fred Devies was founder, in 1956, of the Just Trailer Co. Ltd. Paueral was in Cannel on August 1956. was in Canada on August 29th Memorial service to be held later in the year. SN236 - Elicen Ruth, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully at her home on 26th August 1997 aged 92. Surrey and Sussea Crematorium 3 pm 2nd September 1997. FREWIN - Lealis, Apthor and Publisher, left us all botest when, with dignity and unexpectedly, be died at 5.20 pm on 27th August 1997. A great abook to us all who loved him very much. The Prewin Pamily. 100 Pewas Palany.

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OBITUARIES

LUIGI VILLORESI

Luigi Villoresi, Italian racing driver, died at Modena on August 24 aged 88. He was born in Milan on May 16, 1909.

ith the death of "Gigi" Villoresi, Italy has lost one of the last of its racing drivers whose career spanned the prewar and postwar years at the highest level of the sport. He began driving competitively in 1931 with a Fial But it was with a series of Maseratis, the marque to which he turned in 1936, that he quickly established a reputation as a dashing and highly versatile, if occasionally some what accident-prone, driver.

By the following year, he had graduated to the Maserati Grand Prix team, and he became Italian champion in the 1.5-litre class in both 1938 and 1939. But the latter year brought personal tragedy with the death in an accident at Monza of his brother Emilio, whose racing career had been so closely interwoven with his own, even though by then they were driving for rival teams.

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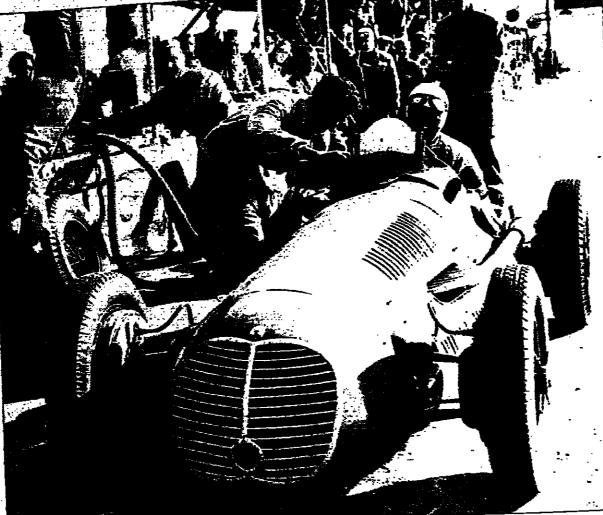
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A prisoner of war of the Allies during the Second World War, Villoresi returned to the racetracks in 1946. Still driving Maseratis, he was soon recording victories in Grand Prix races across Europe at Nice, Strasbourg, Nimes and in Alsace and Luxembourg. He also ventured across the Atlantic to take part in the famous Indianapolis 500 race, in which he finished seventh, and in both 1947 and 1948 he dominated a series of races in Argentina, winning the Peron Cup in both

years.

Back in Europe, he continued to build his busy competition schedule around Formula One, Formula Two and



Lingi Villoresi gains valuable seconds during a pitstop in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in 1948

sportscar racing. He underpinned his reputation for speed with a growing maturity and recorded many victories against formidable opposition. In the first Grand Prix to be held at Silverstone, in 1948, he finished ahead of his close friend Alberto Ascari, who

compensive, yet who went out was by then his Maserati of his way to offer the benefit of team-mate. his wealth of experience to his By 1950, the inaugural year younger and by now signifiof the FIA World Championship, the two had joined the

Ferrari team, where Villoresi

comfortably slipped into the

role of elder-statesman driver

someone who was still

cantly quicker team-mate. In 1951 Villoresi scored three third places in world championship Grands Prix in Britain. Belgium and France to

finish the season fifth in the championship table, while Ascari was narrowly beaten by Juan Manuel Fangio to the world title. Although a lean 1952 season, which brought just two third places, gave Villoresi only a modest seventh place in the Formula One

points table, he was overjoyed that his protegé Ascari had become world champion that year, an achievement the latter would repeat in 1953. This was also to be

Villoresi's best postwar season. Twice he started from the front row of the grid and twice - in Argentina and Belgium - he finished a Grand Prix in second place behind his teammate. He was also third in the Italian Grand Prix and finished the season in fifth place in the world championship table.

Not that Villoresi had lost the knack of winning races, certainly not in sportscars at any rate. In 1953 he won both the Giro de Sicilia (Tour of Sicily) and the Monza Grand Prix for sportscars, and in 1954, having changed teams to Lancia, he won the Oporto GP for sportscars. But in 1955. personal tragedy struck him again when his great friend Ascari was killed while testing a Ferrari sportscar at Monza.

By now Villoresi's own racing career was in decline, and after a severe accident in Italy. when he suffered a badly broken leg, he was encouraged to bring his racing career to a close. However, as a fitting swansong to a remarkable quarter-century of motorsport, he took part in the 1958 Acropolis rally in a Lancia and won the event outright.

Thereafter, for many years he remained a familiar figure at major racing events in Italy and elsewhere in Europe. He was invariably greeted with warmth both by his surviving contemporaries and by the younger generation of drivers to whom his name remains an indelible part of Italian motor racing history.

He did not marry, and in his old age was cared for in a local monastery at Modena.

DAME BERYL PASTON BROWN

Beryl Paston Brown. DBE, educationist, died on July 25 aged 88. She was born on March 7. 1909.

HAVING taken a first in English and later taught at her old Cambridge college, Beryl Paston Brown could have made a wholly academic career for herself, but instead she devoted much of her life to the training of teachers.

After taking her degree, and a Teacher's Diploma from London, she accepted a lectureship at Portsmouth College of Education in 1933, before moving in 1937 to a more senior post at Goldsmiths' College, London, where she remained during the war. In 1944 she moved to Newn-

ham for two years, but in 1946 she returned to Goldsmiths'. at a time when much new thinking and planning were being devoted to the education and training of teachers. This, she was convinced, was the aspect of education most urgently in need of rebuilding. Paston Brown very soon be-

came actively involved in a new professional body, the Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education, and became the first editor of its journal, Education for Teaching. None of her friends was surprised when she was appointed to be Principal of the new City of Leicester College of Education in 1952; nor in 1961 when she was appointed Principal of Homerton College (of Education). Cambridge.

In 1963 she sat on the Newsom committee, which produced the report Half Our Future, which recommended that the school-leaving age be raised from 15 to 16. As a soc-

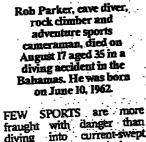
ialist, she believed in educational equality, and was concerned with provision for the least able children. Secondary modern schools should, she urged, be allocated a fair share of educational spending. and employ the best possible teachers. In later years she was disappointed that children with less ability were never given adequate priority. though encouraged to find the profession had become almost entirely a graduate preserve.

As part of the 1065 Weaver study group on the way colieges of education were governed, her understanding of collegiate organisation and her capacity for defusing possible disputes made a significant contribution.

In 1965 she was elected to chair the Association of Teachers in Colleges and Depart-ments of Education, and in 1967 she was appointed DBE. in her last few years at Homerton, much of her time was spent in informal explorations with senior Cambridge figures on the future relationship between Homerton and the university, and links were

strengthened as a result. She was always warm and responsive to others, and wore her considerable learning lightly. She listened intently to what others were saying, and had a ready sense of humour. In 1971 she retired to her house at Lewes. Here she was soon as active as ever; as a tutor for the Open University (which awarded her an honorary degree); as a regular visi-tor to the Aldeburgh Festival and to Glyndebourne; and on the committees of public bodies such as Age Concern. Her last years were sad as she became more and more disabled by successive strokes.

ROB PARKER



diving into current-swept beneath a tropical seabed. Yet Rob Parker ap-proached the dangers of this adventurous activity with meticulous care, driven by his passion for exploring unknown territory. For cave diving enthusiasts, exploring the earth's inner spaces is the mirror image of attempting the highest summits in the Himalayas. Parker also felt the excitement of visiting places never seen before, some containing undisturbed traces of unknown prehistoric life-

Parker was among the leading scuba-divers who adapted their apparatus to investigate flooded cave systems. He-broke the record for the deepest cave dive in Britain when in 1985 he reached a depth of 63 metres in the flooded passages of Wookey Hole beneath the Mendip Hills of Somerset. He overcame the limitations inherent in conventional compressed air equipment by adopting a mixed gas system using oxygen, helium and nitrogen, which allows divers to remain at greater depths for

In the early 1980s, Parker had joined a British expedition to the Blue Holes of Andros in the Bahamas, where Martyn Farr, a fellow diver from

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Llangynidr. Powys, set a world record for underwater cave exploration. Parker had earlier supported Farr's cave diving expeditions down Wookey Hole.

In 1984 he joined the leading American cave diver Bill Stone in Mexico, and the following year Stone gave technical advice and support when Parker

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made his explorations on mixed gas to the far reaches of the Wookey Hole cave system. The expedition was typical of Parker's careful organisation. with underground camps and caches of equipment being established close to the point from which the final push

would be made. Now an acknowledged

master of the techniques, he returned to Andros, where he played an important part in the further exploration of the Blue Holes. There were other expeditions to China and to Wakulla Springs in Florida. where with Stone and a team of other Americans he explored one of the world's deepest and largest underwater caves.

Parker's background and experience helped to take the sport a stage further, and he helped with the design of a diving bell in which divers could decompress in comfort ition also and safety employed underwater scooters for rapid transport. Parker planned to return to Wakulla Springs later this year as a lead diver in further explorar-

Parker was also a pioneer in bringing cave diving to the television screen. At the time of his fatal accident, he was working as an underwater cameraman on a film for German television about an unexplored cave. The film was to have commemorated his long friendship with Rob Palmer, a leading British cave diver and writer who died in another diving accident in the Bahamas earlier this year.

Robert Bernard Parker rew up and went to school in Hampshire, becoming a carpenter by trade. As a teenager he took up rock climbing, his first adventure sport, on the coastal cliffs at Swanage. He maintained this interest throughout his life, and was co-director and founder of the Bristol Climbing Centre.

He was separated from his wife. They had no children.

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BRANDON TARTIKOFF

Brandon Tartikoff. American television executive, died in Los Angeles from Hodgkin's disease on August 20 aged 48. He was born in New York on January 13, 1949.

BRANDON TARTIKOFF was once described as the Great Gatsby of American television. Wealthy and selfassured, ambitious and successful, he was considered one of the cleverest schedulers in the history of the medium. In his 12 years as president of NBC Entertainment, he lifted the network from the rating basement to first place. The programmes that

Tartikoff acquired and promoted at NBC read like a list of the greatest hits of the past decade. Hill Street Blues. The Coshy Show, Miami Vice, St Elsewhere, Cheers and Family Ties all bore the Tartikoff imprint. In a story that has since entered television folklore, it was during a 1980s meeting with the producer Anthony Yerkovich that Tartikoff scribbled the two words "MTV cops" on a napkin. That show became Miumi Vice, the cornerstone the NBC network's

resurrection. As a child growing up in New York, Brandon Tartikoff did not merely watch tele-vision: he studied it. He often feigned illness to stay at home and watch, and as a ten-yearold he informed his parents that the lead character in the show Dennis the Menace was miscasi.

As a student of Robert Penn Warren at Yale University. Tartikoff once commented that a story by D. H. Lawrence needed a stronger plot. Penn Warren sardonically suggested that Tartikoff was out for a career in television.

On graduation, he took Penn Warren at his word. joining a station in Chicago owned by the American Broadcasting Company, Rap-



idly winning a reputation as a genius at scheduling, he did wonders for the ratings of their late-afternoon movies by packaging them around a theme.

It was Tartikoff who put together a series of horror films to run together as "Not for the Weak Week." and King Kong and other ape legends as Thrilla Gorilla Week. The cheeky gamble paid off handsomely, bringing him to the attention of NBC in 1977.

NBC's scheduling at that time was the laughing stock of the industry. When the network's boss, Fred Silverman, appointed Tartikoff head of programming in 1980 at the tender age of 30, NBC's critics viewed it as very much a last throw of the dice. Tartikoff quickly showed

his grasp of popular taste. Backing a hunch that familystyle sitcoms were due for a comeback, he approached the comic Bill Cosby about joining the network, then championed a second sitcom about ageing hippies and their conservative children called Family Ties. In

his first year at NBC, Tartikoff also introduced Hill Street Blues, The Cosby Show, Knight Rider, The A-Team. L.A. Law, The Golden Girls, and St Elsewhere.

By 1985 the network was able to claim the number one position in the ratings for the first time in 30 years. By the end of the decade NBC made history by finishing in first place 68 weeks in succession. But for all Tartikoff's suc-

cess as a broadcasting execu-tive, his private life was repeatedly threatened by batties with Hodgkin's disease. The cancer was first diagnosed during a routine examination when he was only 25, and though he underwent a series of gruelling radiation treatments. Tartikoff never missed a day's work. At one point in 1982, in the midst of radiation treatments, he attended a meeting of NBC affiliates, presenting his new

schedules wearing a wig and false eyebrows taped on to his forehead. In 1901 Tarrikoff suffered a

further health setback after a

serious motor accident, in which his eight-year-old daughter was even more gravely injured than he was. In the wake of the accident, Tartikoff left NBC to reappraise his life. The only logical step up the entertainment ladder appeared to lie in the movie industry, and later that reat

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year he joined Paramount Pictures as chairman. He did not make a smooth transition to the the world of the cinema - he said he was puzzled by the obsession with box-office grosses - and concern for the welfare of his daughter drove him out of Paramount in 1992, a decision that stunned Hollywood and saw the company's stock price drop sharply on Wall Street on the day of the announcement.

Subsequently he established himself as an independent producer, working for New World Entertainment, and a company he himself created called H. Beale, named for the character of Howard Beale in the movie Network.

He is survived by his wife, Lilly, and two daughters.

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ings is very varied. As an essayist he had occasionally flashes of that odd humour which in Charles Lamb's writings is so irresistible and unique, but their prevailing characteristic was a delicate sensitiveness of thought which seemed sometimes carried to excess. To readers who love bold positive dogmas Leigh Hunt seemed always too considerate. too capable of seeing many sides of a question; but the peculiarity was evidently the result of very widespread sympathies, and a thorough consciennousness in literary expression. Those who knew him personally also recognized in his writings the natural gentleness and "charity that thinketh no evil which marked him as a man, and this tendency weakens the force of expresion in many of his written opinions. It gave to hasty observers an impression prejudicial to his manliness. but Leigh Hunt proved his moral

ON THIS DAY August 30, 1859

Befriended by literary giants in this country. Leigh Hunt founded the periodical, the Examiner. It became fashionable, but at a price for its editor.

courage more decisively than by denunciation of opinions adverse to his own. In days when Liberal opinions were dangerous he expressed them firmly and fearlessly, and he suffered with calm constancy an imprisonment which a slight submission could have easily evaded. His father was a West Indian, and his mother a Philadelphian; but at the period of the American Revolution his father took the British side in politics, and manifested his loyalty to the Crown so warmly that he was forced

to fly to England ... Leigh became in 1808 founder and joint proprietor of the Examiner. This journal he edited for many years, and rendered exceedingly popular. Some remarks, directed against the practice of flogging in the army, became the subject of a prosecution. He was acquitted, but this was not to be the last of the Hunts' appearances in the law courts. A fashionable newspaper having called the Prince Regent an Adonis, Leigh Hunt, in a fit of indignation at the Regent's having broken his promise to the Whigs, added - of fifty. The prince's vanity triumphed over his discretion and on the pretended ground of some words of more serious import a third prosecution was instituted. The jury upon this occasion found a verdict of guilty against Leigh Hunt and his brother John, and each was sentenced to pay a fine of 500l, and to suffer two years' imprisonment. Offers not to press the penalties were made on condition that no similar attacks should appear, but were with constancy rejected . . .

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Girls' school shatters GCSE record

Eighty pupils from St Paul's Girls' School in London have produced Britain's best exam performance, smashing GCSE records as girls again swept the board in The Times league table of state and independent schools.

Some 95 per cent of St Paul's Girls' entries were awarded an A* or A grade

Heathrow jets 'seconds from collision'

Two passenger jets with nearly 200 people on board came within 200ft of a mid-air collision over Slough this week in one of the most serious "air miss" incidents reported in British airspace. Catastrophe was averted at the last second when one pilot was ordered to pull to the left

Refugee aid

The Government will announce a substantial aid package for Antigua to help it to cope with refugees from Montserrat Pages 1, 12, 13

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Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, ordered the NHS to plan now to avoid a winter crisis Page 2

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A 37-year-old widow of three years is the first woman in Britain to give birth to her dead husband's child using a revolutionary fertility treatment...

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Indonesia 'troika'

Britain is suggesting a EU "troika" carry out a fact-finding mission to try to end the deadlock over Indonesia's illegal occupation of East Timor

History lesson

Japanese pupils will learn about a horrific war crime after the Supreme Court said government censorship of textbooks was illegal .

Berlin finds room for forgiven Dietrich

■ Marlene Dietrich, the vamp in The Blue Angel, has been forgiven in Germany after controversy over her wartime support for the Allies. A Berlin district council has backed using her name for part of the new Potsdamer Platz



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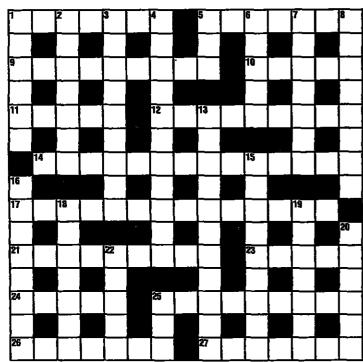


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- 1 Whip son with force bishop's given consent (7).
- 5 Fresh lock, perhaps (7). 9 Work to make bread quickly as a
- cook's assistant? (3-6). 10 African capital making good
- investment in Asian country (5). 11 Bone found by archaeologists in
- Asia Minor (5). 12 Note of what's paid by lawyers in
- drinking-place (6.3). 14 Philosopher appears to settle in
- fashionable London area (8.6).
- 17 Explanation of incompetence safe head heard (5,9).
- 21 Area in North, in this case
- restructured (9). 23 Carefully groomed king, not en-
- 24 Place for mooring vessel (5).
- 25 Potential soldiers are held up
- 26 In tears, turning to drink (7).
- 27 Sunday best motorist speedily changes into (3.4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,566

- DOWN 1 Hope is lost for Western girl (6). 2 He famously performed a series of steps with energy (7).
- 3 One providing better service for writer? (9). 4 Special oil I clear. OK to produce
- a lot of heat (11).

 5 One sort of conifer produces this
- cone (3). 6 Poet's anger about king (5).
 7 Subject in which a learner, for
- example, is brought up with support (7). 8 Mess producing complaint (8).
- 13 Promising beginning made by fledgling (6.5). 15 Dance arranged for the fleet (9). 16 If it got hit in the middle, onus would be on us (5-3).
- 18 Matching garments as result of special delivery (7).

 19 One drink or another served in
- lounge (7). 20 Horrific story-teller employed on steamship (6).
- 22 Oriental city with a noisy section 25 Leaves king stripped off tree (3).

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☐ General: rain will clear southeast England early in the morning, then all

parts of England and Wales will be dry with sunny spells. Rain will spread into southwest England towards evening, spreading northwards overnight to affect most of southern and central England and Wales before morning. Scotland will have a few showers, with the best surshine in the east. There may be a few showers in Northem Ireland to interrupt a mainly dry day. ☐ London, SE England: early rain

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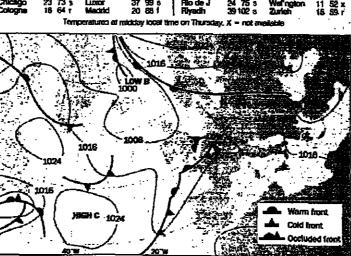
Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland: mainly dry, isolated showers. Mod-erate SW wind. Max 19C (66F) ☐ Cent Highlands, NE, NW Scot-land, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: showers and sunny spells. Fresh SW wind. Max 17C (63F)

Republic of Ireland: sunny spells northeast, Light NW wind. Max 20C

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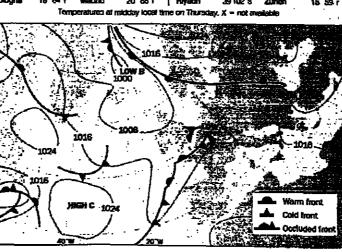
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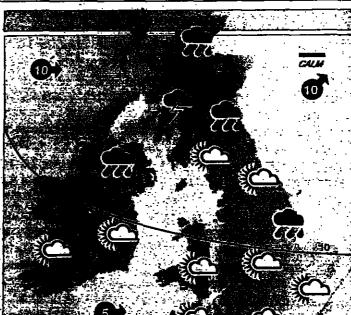


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Outlook rain will sweep northwards across England and Wales tomorrow before easing from the south. Most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will miss the rain. On Monday

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 1997

Bauman moves in to revive BTR's fortunes

LEADING investors yes terday warmly welcomed BTR's decision that its next chairman will be Bob Bauman, the American chairman of British Aerospace and the driving force behind the creation of SmithKline Beecham.

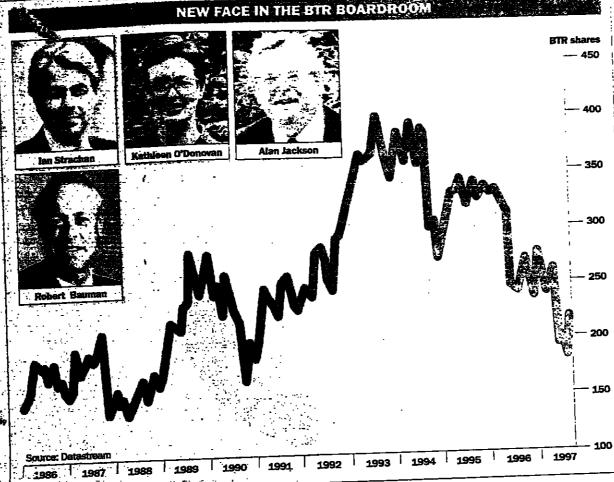
Mr Bauman, 66, is regarded as the sort of heavyweight figure needed to oversee the billion manufacturing group's attempt to pull itself out of years of decline.

However, some investors Estioned whether, as a nonnitive chairman, he will be ficiently involved to precipitate important changes. Some would like him to prove himself by firing or sidelining Kathleen O'Donovan, the BTR finance director who has been criticised for having a

weak grasp of strategic issues. Mr Bauman will replace Elwy. Eilledge, previously the senior partner of Ernst & Young, BTR's auditor for many years, and little known in the City until he became chairman in May last year.

BTR plans that Mr Bauman, will join its board as deputy chairman in October and take over as chairman after next May's annual shareholders's meeting. The announcement added llap to BTR's shares, lifting them to 218p. Shareholders were unani-

mous in praising Mr Bau-man's appointment. One large investor said it would be a sign Mr Bauman ineant business "if we see Kathy go — not director, but because she's there to do what everyone's always wanted her to do, to pliect the numbers and not be ifficult." Other institutions O'Donovan. One said: "She does not particularly impress. If I was just having a meeting



think I would come away impressed very often." However. Ms O'Donovan does have her supporters, includ-ing Standard Life.

One institution praise Eilledge for being "big" enough to retire ahead of schedule. The fund management chief said: "He's done 80 are more critical of Ms per cent of the right stuff - if possible, he should have gone. slightly earlier." Another senior investment manager who

with her about BTR, I don't had met Mr Eilledge gained the impression that "there's nothing there apart from the guy thinking, this is rather nice, being made chairman of FTSE 100 company".

> growth driven by margin improvements, BTR is embarking on a sweeping cultural change under Ian Strachan, the chief executive who joined July 1995 to replace Alan Jackson. The group is trying to encourage its managers to

non-executive roles. Mr Bauthink more about increasing man has a long association sales and new product devwith Simon Robertson, the elopment. It has reorganised head of Kleinwort its hundreds of businesses into Benson who recently joined However, seven progress has been held back BTR's board. Mr Eilledge's compensation weak markets and the nan's pay have

strength of sterling. Mr Strachan said Mr not been decided. Mr Eilledge. who gives three days a week to Eilledge, 62, had decided to BTR earned £152,000 in his retire having achieved the seven months as chairman goals he set himself, including restructuring the board by removing the former BTR executives who had taken on

Sultan acts to rescue currency

By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE Sultan of Brunei was seen as white knight to his troubled neighbours yester-day with dealers saying he was a major buyer of Singapore dollars and Malaysian

ringgit.
The world's richest man has already signalled his readiness to help to stabilise plung-ing Asian currency and stock markets by contributing \$500 million (£310 million) to a \$16.7 billion IMF rescue pack-

age for Thailand.

Dealers in the Far East yes terday identified the Brunei Investment Agency as a significant buyer of Singapore dollars. and saying the agency appears to have been an active purchas er of Malaysian ringgit.

Traders and currency strategists in London were sceptical that intervention of this kind would make any lasting difference and Goh Chok Tong. Prime Minister of Singapore, warned the region's central bankers not to waste money fighting the markets.

The amount spent by Brunei on buying Singapore dollars was put at around \$300 million, an amount described as "small beer" by one currency strategist in London.

A Far East analyst said: The Sultan of Brunei knows that, however much he throws at the problem, it will not be solved without proper adjustments in economic policy.

Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, said that governments must he prepared to intervene dir-

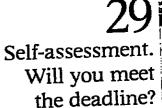
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The Singapore dollar hounced to 1.4960 to the dolla from an earlier 38-month low of 1,5375 and the ringgit jumped to 2.8630 to the dollar from a record low of 2.9650.

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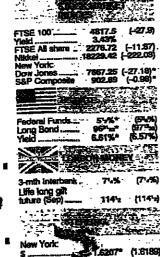
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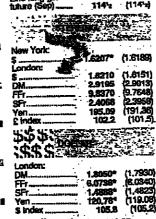
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£24 billion merger (Dominic Walsh writes). As a prelude to a hearing on

Thursday and Friday, the European Commission last concerns about their proposed week sent the two drinks companies a list of objections. These are believed to centre on the combined group, to be named GMG Brands, having more than 40 per cent of the whisky market in Spain, Portugal and Greece, plus signifi-cant Scottish distilleries.

There are also worries about GMG's strength in the "must-stock" brands, enabling it to exert greater bargaining power when dealing with big retailers. Impact International, the research group, says GMG would control 18 of the top 100 premium spirits brands worldwide compared with Allied Domecq's 12 and Sengram's nine. These include Smirnoff vodka, Gordon's gin and Johnnie Walker, Bell's and Dewars whisky.

The Commission is unlikely to block the merger if Guinness and GrandMet agree to make changes, but the indications last night were that they were unlikely to offer any immediate concessions The EU opened it four-month inquiry in June and has until October 27 to give a ruling.

Botts team opts out

A UK investor group led by Botts & Co., the London merchant bank, has abardoned its attempt to rescue Grundig, the ailing German television maker.

Bavarian investor group for an undisclosed sum.

five years. Botts also talked about

Bavarian' solution that all parties believe is in the best interest of Grundig."

of Grundig

By OLIVER AUGUST

The UK investors sold their 43 per cent stake, which they bought from Philips last month, to a

At the time of purchase, the UK group said it would inject new capital into Grundig with a view to selling its stake in three to

gaining majority control in 2004, when more shares will become available. The bank had not seen Grundig's acbefore the acquisition. A Botts spokesman said yesterday: "We have found a

Grundig has also settled a dispute over the validity of its accounts with Philips, a shareholder. Philips will pay compensation of around £130 million.

CWC and BSkyB in pay-TV pact

By ERIC REGULY

CABLE & WIRELESS Communications, the largest cable group, has broken ranks with the rest of the cable industry by agreeing in principle to use BSkyB as its pay-per-view supplier instead of developing a service of its own.

An announcement is expected within a few weeks. A CWC official said that negotiations are largely finished and are being reviewed by lawyers. The agreement is a big victory for BSkyB, the satellite

broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times. CWC, formed earlier this year through a merger of Mercury Communications and

three cable companies, made it known from the outset that it was considering a pay-per-view service of its own. This would have allowed it to keep most of the profits in what has become the fastest-growing sector of the pay-TV market. Salomon Brothers, the broker, has estimated that

BSkyB's digital pay-per-view service, to be launched next year, will generate £344 million in annual revenues by 2000. The service allows customers to pay to see individual

films and sporting events. BSkvB's first pay-per-view event, the Frank Bruno-Mike Tyson fight, attracted 600,000 subscribers. BSkyB would neither con-

firm nor deny that an agreement has been struck with CWC. The company has, however, always said that it was confident that the leading cable companies would opt for its pay-per-view service. CWC chose not to develop a

pay-per-view service for fear of confusing customers; subscribers would have been offered BSkvB's version, called Sky Box Office, as well as its own. Competition between two services would have driv-

en up programming costs.

CWC's agreement with
BSkyB will rock the cable industry. The cable companies had formed a group called On Demand to study the idea of creating a pay-per-view service in competition with BSkyB's. With CWC linked with BSkyB. On Demand's chances of success are considerably considerably smaller. However, TeleWest, the secand-largest cable company. may still launch its own payper-view service.

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By Gavin Lumsden

IVORY & SIME, the Scottish fund manager, has admitted that it is looking for a partner to rescue it from the doldrums by appointing DLJ Phoenix, the merchant

bank, to advise on "strategic options".

In the past year, Ivory & Sime has been hit by high-level departures, including Colin Hook, the former managing director, and the loss of important mandates, including the £700 million BAA pension fund. In addition, several of its investment trusts, notably Enterprise and

Baronsmead, look vulnerable to takeover, which could lead to further reduction in

Speculation over who would buy the company has focused on two European financial services groups. ABN Amro and

Putting the best possible spin on the move, Sir David Kinloch, chairman and chief executive, said: "We have been approached by several parties. Phoenix's role will be to evaluate their proposals and progress the talks. We recognised that there would be a strong likelihood of

Ivory hires Phoenix to rise from ashes a leak and thought it would be better to be open about what is happening."

Ivory & Sime is 29.2 per cent owned by Caledonia Investments, run by the Cayrer family. Ivory & Sime said that Caledonia recognised that "any enlargement of the group might involve a dilution of its

Sir David would not comment on what level Caledonia might be left with, nor on whether the Ivory & Sime brand would be kept if the company were taken over.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

MMC rules on

property centres

expected to operate against the public interest".

of estate agency or conveyancing services.

Battle enters pit talks

SOLICITORS' property centres in Scotland are not operating against the public interest, according to a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Nigel Griffiths, Under Secretary of State for Competition and Consumer Affairs, said: The MMC found that a complex monopoly situation exists in favour of solicitors' property centres in Scotland." But he added that the arrangements under which the nine property centres operated "do not and may not be

Solicitors in Scotland are often involved in property sales on behalf of clients. The property centres provide a central marketing outlet for houses being sold by member-

solicitors and, with a high street presence, are in direct competition with chains of estate agents. The 18-month

investigation looked at the way in which centres operate, which does not allow independent estate agents to share facilities and may exclude properties that are also being

marketed by estate agents. In spite of the restrictions imposed by the centres, the MMC said that there was no

evidence of a lack of effective competition in the provision

JOHN BATTLE, the Energy Minster, has agreed to meet representatives of miners at the Asfordby pit in Leicester-shire, which was closed last week by RJB Mining, after

previously saying that the closure was not a government matter. The meeting has been brokered by David Taylor. Labour MP for Leicestershire North West, after

representatives of the National Union of Mineworkers and

the Union of Democratic Mineworkers this week sat down

together for the first time in 13 years. City Diary, page 27

JOHN ALLAN, the chief executive of Ocean Group, is taking

direct control of MSAS, the logistics subsidiary, after asking

Doug Ash, the MSAS chief executive, to leave. Mr Ash does

not have a new job lined up. The company insisted yesterday

that "there have been no disagreements over strategy and no

personality clashes". Mr Ash was asked to leave because his

seven-year tenure was felt to have been long enough, a spokesman said. There are no immediate plans to formally

Check on union fees goes

DEMANDS that union members should endorse the payment

of subscriptions through their salaries every three years are set to be scrapped. The Department of Trade and Industry plans a

one-off authorisation of the "check-off" payments with employ-

ees free to opt out of the arrangement whenever they choose. The

requirement for regular endorsements was introduced by the

Conservatives in 1994. But it has been unpopular with employers

MSAS chief to leave

Currency turmoil hits City's Far East funds

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE currency and stock market crises in the Far East have sent the City's Far East funds - which have been among the best performing and most exciting in recent years running for cover.

The funds' woes increased this week as Malaysia, formerly one of the most favoured of the "tiger" economies, took action which effectively prevented foreign investors from trading in the country's blue chip stocks.

Global investors, already nervous in the face of increasing volatility, reacted by selling their stocks in other countries such as Hong Kong and India in an attempt to reduce their exposure to the

Autoliv in bid for **Marling**

By CHRIS AYRES

AUTOLIV. the Swedish automotive safety products group, yesterday made an agreed £31 million cash offer for Marling the troubled industrial textiles company.

The offer values Marling's shares at 17p each. a 70 per cent premium to the company's share price on Thursday.

Marling already supplies seatbelt materials to Autoliv, which holds a 20 per cent stake in its seatbelt division.

Autoliv said the move was a another step forward in its programme of vertical integration.

Marling had sales of about £62.7 million last year on pre-tax losses of £5.2 million. It ran into trouble after a bungled attempt to diversify into



freefall in equines reminiscent of the Mexican peso crisis in December 1994 which sent emerging markets around the world plummening.

Thailand. Malaysia. Singapore and the Philippines have been the main victims of this downward spiral brought on by a combination of rising levels of debt and overvalued currencies. Since the start of July their stock markets have fallen between 20 and 40 per cent in terms of sterling.

This has had a traumatic effect for collective funds used by UK investors, particularly as most do not hedge against currency movements. Shares of investment trusts in the Far. East excluding Japan, for instance, have seen their discounts widen a third to 16.4 per cent in the past month. Meanwhile, the average growth of 224 offshore Far East funds has been just 0.03 per cent since the start of July.

Closer to home the performance of most unit trusts has not been much better, particularly as the average hides some horrific figures from individual funds. Fidelity's ASEAN unit trust has fallen over 16 per cent since July.

Andrew Salton of Old Mutual, whose Thailand Trust has lost over a fifth of its value in the past two months, says the outlook is not good as the countries face stiff competition from China, their giant neighbour. He says countries such as Malaysia are finding the experience of a recession difficult to bear after a decade of strong economic growth.

Andrew Couch, global equity strategist at Guinness Flight, says the worst is over but more falls will come: "It is difficult to catch a falling knife. These coutries are twothirds down their descent. They have one third left to go. All you can say is that in 12 months' time they will be in a fantastic position to recover."

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Cellars buyer. Nader Haghighi, right, and Rob Lucas of CVC, which backed the management buyout of the division

Managers buy Greenalls off-licences

BY DOMINIC WALSH

NADER HAGHIGHI has come a long way since hawking cigarettes and chewing gum on the streets of Iran as a child. Yesterday he unveiled a \$56 million management buyout of Cellars, the Greenalls Group's off-licence division,

BRITISH banks yesterday re-

ported a slight slowdown in

the growth of their mortgage

lending business in July, providing lentative evidence that

the pace of activity in the housing market may be start-

Net mortgage lending rose by

ESSo million in July, slightly

down on the increase of £915

million in June, according to the

New approvals were also

weaker than in June. The

number of new approvals fell

to 45.043, from 49,972, and

their value declined to £2.72

billion, from £2.8) billion the

previous month. The BBA

British Bankers' Association.

ing to ease.

slowdown in July

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

with backing from CVC Capital Partners and NatWest Ventures. The debt is being provided by Bank of Scotland.

Mr Haghighi, who intends to expand the business, was managing director of Cellars for three years until his promotion in March to marketing and commercial director of Greenalls' pubs and

restaurants division. Cellars, which is based in Warrington, operates 460 off-licences, of which 270 trade under the Cellar 5 brand:

The book value of the business was £67.8 million and Greenalls, which has been seeking a buyer for three months, will book a £13 million loss on the disposal.

Bank home loan | SFM quits fight

SFM Investment Manage-ment has pulled out of the battle to manage Saracen Value Trust (SVT), the only investment trust that it manages.

Independent directors of SVT have told the fund manager of their intention to end its contract after SFM withdrew its proposals to reorganise the £110 million trust.

SVT, an investor in smaller companies, has underperformed most competitors and had seen its share price fall to a 20 per cent discount to net asset value at the start of this month. Earlier this month, HSBC, backed by 40 per cent of shareholders, called for itself to be

made investment manager. Since then 13 other fund managers have approached the beleaguered trust about taking it over. A special meeting to debate HSBC's proposal is to be held on 18 September.

Antony Dick, SVT chairman, has urged shareholders to reject HSBC's proposals. He favours separate proposals by Invesco and JO Hambro & Partners and is seeking talks

with both companies. SFM can expect £2 million in compensation if its contract is cancelled soon. James Fisher, SFM managing director, said this would be used to start a small companies unit trust.

to run Saracen

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

as well as unions. Companies dislike the arrangement for being too bureaucratic and costly to administer. Ashtead acquires Sheriff

61p to 330p; Ashtead shares held at 3002p.

appoint a successor to Mr Ash.

ASHTEAD, the plant-hire group, has agreed to buy the rival Sheriff Holdings for £39 million, in an all-paper takeover, making the company the second-largest name in its sector. The deal will lift Ashtead's portfolio of businesses from 155 to 205, and is expected to add £30 million to annual sales. The company said that it is saving its cash firepower to build up its presence in America, and is to couple its US expansion with a

Leisure company in red

dual listing in New York early next year. Sheriff shares leapt

LATE-SEASON transfer activity sent Southampton Leisure, owner of Southampton Football Club, into the red last year. The club incurred a loss of £1.45 million on signings and registrations although Rupert Lowe, chairman, said yesterday that money was still available to strengthen the team. In the 14 months to May 31, which includes four-and-a-half months of contributions from the football club, Southampton incurred a loss of £910,000 (£267,000 profit). The final dividend was maintained at lp, payable on November 7.

Photo-Me out of focus

PHOTO-ME International, the photo-booth company, saw an 8.3 per cent fall in pre-tax profits in the year to April 30, from £11.3 million to £10.3 million. Turnover fell 14.5 per cent, from £199 million to £170 million, and earnings per share dropped from 8.48p to 8.36p. The final dividend, payable on January 2, will again be 3.5p, leaving the total year dividend unchanged at 5p. The company, which blames its disappointing performance of the strength of sterling, has a new range of fun photo-booths and is seeking acquisitions.

Petrol station deal

RIKKI HUNT, former managing director of Burmah Petroleum Fuels, is buying Thames Rico Service Stations from Thames Petroleum Products Group in a deal backed by Alchemy Partners, the venture capital group. Through the newly formed Petrol Express company, Mr Hunt hopes to build a national chain of petrol retailing service stations to meet what is seen as a need for a serious long-term independent oil company. Thames Rico operates 25 sites, mainly Esso-branded, and Petrol Express intends to expand rapidly by acquisition.

Bruntcliffe slumps

BRUNTCLIFFE AGGREGATES, the quarry company that received a £26.2 million agreed bid this month from Ennstone, the building materials group, yesterday reported a 37 per cent slump in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 from £601,000 to £381,000. Turnover fell 3.8 per cent, from £13.7 million to £13.2 million, and earnings per share dropped 38 per cent, from 0.8p to 0.5p. An unchanged interim dividend of 0.4p will be paid on October 3. The company blamed its disappointing results on a shortage of major work in Scotland.

can be learnt from the affair. Optus head to go in

second shake-up By Eric Reguly

CABLE & WIRELESS yesterday announced the second management shake-up in three months at Optus, the Australian telecoms group in which it has a 49 per cent stake. The changes came the day after Optus's struggling

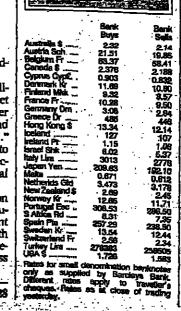
deep loss. Peter Howell-Davies, the former chief executive of Mercury Communications who had been Optus's chief executive since June, is to step down in October. He will be replaced by Chris Anderson, currently chief executive of Television New Zealand and a director of Clear Communica-

|| (Brigiano, where we leave

tions, the country's secondlargest phone group. C&W said that Mr Howeli-

Davies knew from the outset that it was looking for another chief executive. "We just found one sooner than we expected." Mr Howell-Davies is to continue as an executive director of Optus for several

He lost his job in London earlier this year when Mercury, which was 80 per cent owned by C&W, merged with three cable companies to cre-Cable and Wireless



ASIA **CRASHES**

The tumbling currencies and share markets of southeast Asia are turning out to be this summer's financial nightmare. Is the tiger boom over?

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noted that both the number

and the value of new approv-

als rose by 4 per cent between

June and July last year. However, the BBA also

pointed out that the average value of approvals, of £60,300

in July this year, was still up 4

per cent on a year ago. In

addition, gross lending of

£3.12 billion in July represent-

ed a leap of 9 per cent from

Lenders today predicts a rise

of 6.5 per cent in nationwide

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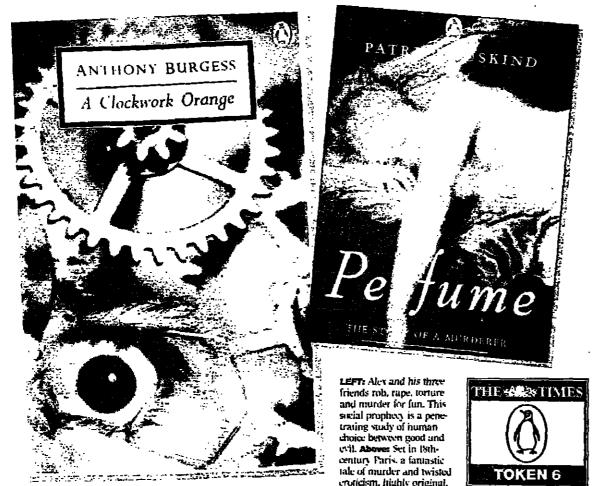
June's level.

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tokens per title from the six published in The Times. Below are two of the titles you can choose (a full list was published yesterday). Other bestsellers include Jack

Kerouac's On the Road, A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess, The Trial by Franz Kafka and Cry The Beloved Country by Alan Paton.



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Jarvis fails to win over

BY DOMINIC WALSH

JOHN JARVIS, chairman and chief executive of Jarvis Hotels, has been rebuffed after making a £30 million approach for Hanover International, a chain of six provincial hotels and one in Cork in the Republic of Ireland. Mr Jarvis may now decide to launch a hostile takeover.

Hanover, brought to the market two years ago by Peter Eyles, former chief executive of Norfolk Capital Hotels, yesterday confirmed that it had received "an approach which did not lead to a formal offer". adding: "No discussions are taking place."

Mr Eyles refused to identify

the suitor, though City sources confirmed that it was Jarvis. He said: "We are a very precisely targeted high-quality independent hotel group that feels it can deliver value to shareholders through its independence." Hanover's biggest hotel is the 270-bedroom Hanover International, at

Hinckley. Leicestershire. Mr Jarvis, who recently walked away from a deal to buy some of Ladbroke's noncore hotels, would not comment on Hanover, but admitted "looking at everything".

Risk control review at CSFB

BY PAUL DURMAN

CREDIT SUISSE First Bos ton, the Swiss-owned investment bank, is reviewing its risk control systems after claiming that one of its option traders put an estimated £300 million at risk by taking unauthorised bets on the UK stock market.

CSFB has dismissed Philip Penner, a 33-year-old American, and reported his activities to the Securities and Futures Authority, the City regulator. The SFA has suspended Mr Penner's registration, which it granted only in May last year.

Mr Penner is alleged to have taken options on the movement in the UK stock market that far exceeded his trading limits, having previ-ously been asked to close his The money concerned was

CSFB's own capital rather than that of clients. When the extent of the option bets came to light, CSFB unwound the position, suffering a loss of less than \$10 million (E6.2

The bank, which is part of the Crédit Suisse group, already regards its risk controls as very stringent, but is reviewing them to see if lessons

pay-TV division announced a

A maverick looking for the golden touch

Jon Ashworth meets the latest

DIY baron — out to work alchemy on the newly acquired FADS

Monday 🔠 ton started the week lunch diaphone mes

an ambitious deal in the making. This weekend, he is toasting his place as Britain's newest DIY baron, presiding over a range of high street shops that sell everything from wallpaper to home furnishings. Another interesting career move for a chemistry graduate who learnt his trade breaking up

failed companies. Moulton, 47 in October, and a millionaire, is one of the UK's foremost venture capitalists, with a succession of deals - and a mixed track record to his name. Long associated with Schroder Ventures, which he founded in 1985, and later a director of Apax Partners. Moulton is currently riding high with Alchemy Partners, a private equity part-

nership that he formed in January with backing from a range of investors. The past few days have been as hectic as they Earlier in

to have created more than 100 millionaires ?

6 He claims

the week. Moulton hammered down the terms of a deal that nets him more than 300 FADS and Homestyle shops from Boots. the Nottingham-based retail group. He becomes chairman of AG Stanley, hitherto Boots's home decorating business, which has not fared well in the face of competition from outof-town DIY operators such as B&Q and Homebase. Moulton takes the helm at this leaking barque, intent on steering it into safer waters. Those who have felt the more forceful side of his character over the years will be gleefully hoping for some hidden rocks along the way.

The news that AG Stanley

was being sold was broken to 27 senior managers on Wednesday night over dinner in the salubrious setting of the Manchester Airport Moat House. "Most of them still had an appetite," says Moulton, drily. He spent the next two nights in Holmes Chapel in Cheshire, where AG Stanley has its head office, complaining noisily about the absence of a gym in his hotel. Observant locals would have seen him iogging through the streets as the milk was delivered.

Those who work closely with Moulton will tell you that

he spends his life eating. He does breakfasts — often at the Savoy, conveniently close to with a full his office, just off the Strand. He lunches - typically at the Royal Society of Arts or inhouse. He does "three or four dinners a week", occasionally at the Savoy Grill, and is rarely home before 11pm. A sages, and colleague with access to his diary says: "He is booked up for lunch until November.

Typically at his desk by Sam, Moulton spends most of his day on the telephone. taking call after call, and bellowing commands through the door of his office. He occasionally "crashes out" at his London pied-d-terre, curlodger, but tends to commute daily by train from Sevenoaks. where he lives with his wife, Pauline. They have a daughson, at school in Tonbridge. Moulton dispenses with chauffeured limousines and other corporate trinkets, and tends to travel by taxi.

> which spent hours phone to the US, Moulton spent the following two catching the train north on Wednesday

evening. He was up early on Thursday to watch the Boots announcement flash up on City screens, before settling meetings, debriefing AG Stanley managers and staff. He flew back from Manchester last night.

Moulton had not had the greatest run when he quit Apax in November after less than three years. He spent much of 1996 unsuccessfully negotiating the buyout of Signet, the ellery group formerly called Ratners. Moulton is philosophical, saying: "Obviously I famously failed to complete Signet. but then completing deals is easy if you pay too much." Ronald Cohen, Apax chairman, said of his departure: "In our industry, people do make a lot of money, and their objectives do change

Alchemy duly followed, although whether Moulton will transmute the base metals of AG Stanley and others into golden investments remains to be seen. Challenged about the mythical process, he snapped: "If you do it in a nuclear reactor, it is quite feasible." He read chemistry at Lancaster University, lending some conviction to his claims.

Moulton set out to make



Jon Moulton, who "could not be more delighted" with the progress of his Alchemy Partners, has taken on the difficult task of running the Homestyle chain disposed of by Boots

investments of £2 million to £20 million at a time, raising about £100 million or so a year from fewer than ten investors, including Bank of America and Goldman Sachs Asset Management. He has made 15 or 16 transatlantic trips since January. His other backers include United Bank of Kuwait, Merseyside Pension Fund and British Aerospace. along with Chase Venture Partners, in which Jeff Walker is a longstanding contact. Alchemy has assembled an

impressive team, including Martin Bolland, the former chief executive of the Princess and Metropole hotel chains. A recent catch is Eric Walters, one-time chief executive of the retailing operation of Grand Metropolitan, who went on to work with Moulton at Schroders. The Alchemy partners work on one floor around a central area, making for a sociable working environment.

Alchemy has a ten-strong

industry advisory board, including Brandon Gough, for-mer chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, for which Moulton worked as a manager from

Monday 1981. Tuesday ∪ tially in insolvency, Wednesday gaining Thursday useful in-

how not to acquisitions (M&A), winning a posting New York.

Others on Alchemy's advisory board include Jacques Margry, former chairman and chief executive of Parker Pen, one of Moulton's most successful buyouts, and Nicola Foulston, chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, another Moulton-led deal.

Moulton is pleased with the way that Alchemy is going. He says: "I could not be more

delighted. We started on January 20, and have four, possibly five, deals on the books. We've raised the equivalent of £400 million in very short order." He has no regrets about moving on from Apax, saying:

I very much enjoy working in a smaller environment." Often abrasive in his dealings, Moulton rose to prominence in the City just as the bull run of the Eighties was sights into gathering pace. Coopers led to Citicorp, the US investment bank, for which he continued in New York before returning to London to run the UK venture capital arm. He was

later headhunted by J Henry Schroder Wagg, one of the City's top merchant banks, which was intent on building a venture capital arm. While still in his early

thirties, Moulton rapidly established Schroder Ventures as a powerful force in UK management buyouts, leading the \$100 million (£62 million) buyout of Parker Pen from its American parent, and heading the buyout consortium that bid for Land Rover, until the Government decided to

remove the For Sale sign. Moulton resigned as managing partner of Schroder Ventures in February 1994, in what was put down to a disagreement over strategy. It was said that Schroders had tried to impose tighter controls on its venture capital arm, threatening to cramp Moulemerged on Moulton's departure from Apax. Described as one of the industry's brightest if maverick, deal-makers, he ascribed his departure to a need for "more flexibility and

independence of action". Never one to mince his

words, he recently claimed to

millionaires - himself included. The winners include Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB Mining, which was created through a Moulton-led deal, and is currently embroiled in controversy over the Asfordby colliery in Leicestershire. Others to benefit include Chris Evans, founder of

have created more than 100

group, and Barry Warwick of English Pub Company. Alchemy recently invested £3 million of equity in Phoenix Computer, a maintenance company that has IBM as its biggest client. It has invested the same again in the AG

Chiroscience, the biotech

Moulton once described himself as "one of the oldest

survivors in the trade", saving that his best personal gain from a deal was "in the low million pound double figures".

He added: "I have created 110 millionaires, 20 of them venture capitalists, including

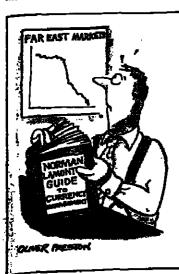
myself." With Alchemy, Moulton has deliberately set out to target "difficult deals" — and none is more difficult than a chain of loss-making DIY and home furnishings shops. With FADS and Homestyle, he is thought likely to focus on the ger out-of-town sites, get ting rid of the troublesome high street locations. Frequent trips to Cheshire appear inevitable — lunching and telephone calls allowing. There could be gold in it yet.

Twice the Price

STUDENTS! Are you rebels or robots? Either way, Price Waterhouse has the job for you. Free spirits stepping on to interview with nearby Coopers & ybrand, perhaps? — are met with an advert from Waterhouse's SAP subsidiary: "All our consultants work in exactly the same way: their way."
Brainwashed clones? Bean counters? Not Price Waterhouse. Lest this approach intimidates the less individualistic graduate, another net has been cast at Bank station: "All our consuitants work in exactly the same way: in a team." Courtesy of Price Waterhouse.

Spookily, the accountant took several days to admit to the existence of this parallel advertising campaign. So why the strange similiarity? Because their specially assembled focus groups - yes, focus groups, even in accountancy these days - told them that's what today's kids go for. So they are only obeying orders ...

• A MORE imaginative marketing team can be found at Cable & Wireless. One of its advertising men was overheard fantasising over running a mock BT television advert. Little girl



asks: "Why are my Daddy's phone bills so high?" Or a shot of Sir lain Vallance stepping out of a taxi while the girl muses: "Why is that man making so much money?" Not fair, of course, and doomed never to be made, But it would be funny.

Hacked off

GOATEE BEARDS, as well as being a symbol of time-warped fashion values. my younger friends tell me, are a good way to identify dishonest computer programmers. This from Deloitte & Touche, whose team of "forensic" software detectives led by a Serious Fraud Office staffer have warned of cyber thieves who walk off with company secrets by hacking through the Internet. "Think about it," Deloine's clients are warned. That chap from the Internet Service Provider with the goatee beard and the doubtful taste in waistcoats who installed a router in your computer room ... how much does he know?" They sure know how to sniff out villains at the SFO.

Shades of Leeds

THE Leeds and the Halifax may have merged two years ago, but the Leeds name, expunged from memory by the bank, lives on somewhere. It is visible from the restaurant on the top floor of the new Harvey Nichols in Leeds. As you munch on your Thai fishcakes, you stare out on to the old society's head office and the once proud Leeds Permanent logo, a reminder of the time when that city put thrift above Prada. But even this last crumbling remnant of a society founded in 1848 will disappear when the Halifax disposes of the building. Only difficulty of access has preserved the letters until now.

Chateau thrift

RICHARD LAMBERT, the Financial Times editor now based in New York,



has started in stern style. The fivestrong bureau there was invited out to dinner on his arrival a while back, I hear. No expense spared, the writers thought as the wine and conversation flowed. Too true; only they were paying, because when Lambert called for the bill he carefully divided it six ways.

◆ THE awesome combination of Posh Spice, Baby Spice, the other three whose names I can't remember and the Football Association Premier League have lined up against a small perfume and cosmetics firm that is claimed to be producing goods bearing the names Spicy Power, Spice Girls and, in something of a non sequitur, Premier League. A High Court writ alleges passing off and wants damages. A pity one of the five isn't called Old Spice. They could have cleaned up.

Mushy MPs

DAVID TAYLOR, MP for North West Leicestershire backing the campaign to save the Asfordby coal mine, has taken good-humoured umbrage at my sug-gestion that just because he drives a VW Golf with personalised number plates and arrived in Parliament after the last election, he must by definition be new Labour - and so doesn't know his mushy peas from his avocado mousse. He definitely espouses old Labour principles, he tells me.

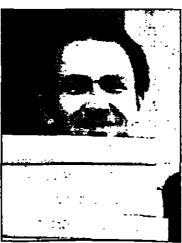
So is new Labour a term of abuse in

some sections of the party, therefore? "it's a label. Like all labels, sometimes it can be an accurate description, but in my case it's not," he says. "We're a mushy peas area rather than an avocado area - I don't think I've ever tasted avocado" - so neatly dissociating himself from the Mandelson wing of the party. Oh. and the car belongs to his

Luke's gospel

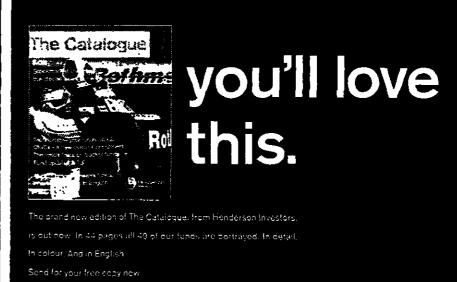
preneur behind Pizza Express and the ast-but-one would-be saviour of the Sunday Business, is on holiday in the US. He is the target of a vitriolic attack in the newly revived Business Age, which is clearly continuing where the magazine left off before its refinancing. And courting a serious libel suit, because Johnson is not of the forgive and forget persuasion -- he once displayed a serious sense of humour failure when I teased him about his hyperactive career. I will not risk repeating too many of the Business Age accusations, but they relate to his conduct as main shareholder of the Sunday Business, and a slight tendency - here I paraphrase - to fly off the handle. "Maybe it's a good job he's out of the country," muses a colleague.

MARTIN WALLER



Luke Johnson: a tendency to fly off the handle?

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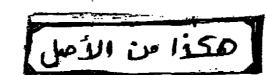


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Far East worries batter Chartered and HSBC

group, came under the hammer after becoming the latest casualty of the crisis in Far East financial markets.

Goldman Sachs International, the US securities house. has downgraded its recommendation for Standard from "market performer" to "market underperformer".

Standard responded to the move with a further fall of 471ap to \$261ap, stretching its avo-day deficit to 14912p. In the past two days it has seen £1.4 billion wiped from its £9.5 billion stock market price tag.

David Townsend, at Goldmans, says the price has further to fall and has set a target of below 800p. "I've not reduced my numbers, yer, But the risks are growing. Six months ago we would have asked what risks? The Hong Kong currency is now being protected by rising interest rates. Risks are rising and that should be priced into the

NatWest Securities said the worries about the Far East had been overdone, while rival Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull rates Standard a "long-term buy".

On Thursday, Goldman also lowered its recommendation for HSBC to "market underperformer". The shares fell further by 4012p to £19.2012, taking the fall of the past two days to 191p. It earns less than 20 per cent of its profits in the Far East, but it is the biggest constituent of the Hang Seng index.

The rest of the banking sector showed only modest falls, reflecting the downturn elsewhere. Takeover hopeful Abbey National dropped 712p to \$30p. Barclays Sp to £14.1212. Lloyds TSB 112p to 723p. and Royal Bank of Scotland op to 58op.

The market recovered some of its composure after sharp falls earlier in the week. Prices opened sharply lower, reflecting the continuing sell-off overnight in Asian markets. They closed well off the bottom after the Dow Jones industrial average steadied itself, in spite of an opening loss of almost 90 points after a sell-off among US Treasury bonds on buoyant new home sales figures and the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index.

The FTSE 100 index, down 60.2 at its low of the day. eventually reduced the deficit to 27.9 at 4.817.5 in thin trading



Jonathan Fry, left, and Brian Hardy, finance director, of Burmah Castrol. down 30p ahead of half-year figures

that saw a total of 675 million shares change hands. It stretches the fall on the week

The utilities provided a useful prop to investors as they stood out with some useful gains in difficult conditions. National Power led the way higher with a rise of 11p at 568p, while PowerGen put on 3p at 78112p. South West against the trend, ending the day 412p better at 35312p. Once again there is talk of a bid soon from Bass, the brewer. 12p firmer at 827p. Even if a bid is ruled out hopes are high that a share buyback is in the offing.

Asda was the heaviest traded share among the top 100, with 37 million changing hands as the price finished

Shield Diagnostics rose 5p to 55712p. Next week the company makes a series of presentations to European investors in London, Zurich and Milan. Top of the agenda will be its AFT heart diagnosis system, which it is hoped will receive approval from the US Food and Drug Administration within the next few months.

Water 10p at S1112p, Severn 112p lighter at 14434p after Trent 5p at 87712p. Thames Water 4p at 79212p and BG

412p at 270p. Grand Metropolitan fell 10p to 50612p and Guinness shed 12p at 54012p as the two faced up to the prospect of further opposition to their proposed merger. The European Commission meets next week to take a look at the deal.

Fresh speculative buying enabled Rank Group to move

going ex-dividend earlier in the week. It seems most of the trading was between marketmakers in an attempt to iron out a few open positions. Elsewhere in the sector. J Sainsbury finished 5p lower at 431'2p, Safeway 1'2p at 375p. and Tesco 4p at 409p.

Burmah Castrol, headed by Jonathan Fry, chief executive, was a weak market, falling 30p to £10.2912 ahead of half-

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kers are becoming increasingly worried about the impact of a strong pound on what should be a relatively solid performance from the group. They are forecasting net income of between £67 million and £70 million. That compares with a figure of E67.7 million for the corresponding period. Merrill Lynch, the broker, points out that sterling has risen more

increase in profits. A profits warning left AIMisted Selector 1012p lower on the day at 491zp. The company says delays in production of its patented FOB-Stop valve will leave a dent in profits. Firm orders for 100,000 units are already on the order books.

than 10 per cent year-on-year

– equivalent to a similar

On Demand Information. the electronic publisher, saw its shares hit another low with a fall of 2p to 8p after hitting shareholders with a triple whammy of bad news. Graham Poulter, chairman and founder, is quitting, the company will not meet its breakeven target for next year and may be sold anyway.

TLG, the lighting group hived off from Thorn a few years back, mustered a rise of 3p at 10612p on talk that Wassall, the industrial conglomerate, might spend some of its cash mountain bidding for the business. Wassall ended the day all square at 311'zp. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Opening falls among US Treasury bonds saw early gains on the London bond market whittled away to close virtually

unchanged. The sell-off in New York followed publication of that bullish Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index, which helped to revive fears that the economy was starting to

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gift closed unaltered at £11412 in modest trading.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was unmoved at £111916 while among shorter dated issues Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 was also steady at

□ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average shaved its losses in morning trade as it recovered from a sell-off triggered by turmoil in foreign stock markets and strong economic data. By midday the Dow was 27.18 points down at 7,667.25.

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The auditor signs off

THE City values Bob Bauman's contribution to BTR at £460 million - equivalent to 112 p on the manufacturing group's forlorn share orice. The institutions are finally being offered a credible chairman to replace Elwyn "Low Mileage" Eilledge, the former head of BTR's auditors and widely thought to lack the clout for such a challenging role. Mr Eilledge claims "restructuring the board" as his main achievement. In less polite language: getting rid of the BTR old-timers who had slipped into non-executive directorships. With the consistency of a good auditor he has taken the strategy to its conclusion by removing

The City's delight at Mr Bauman's arrival at BTR may not be shared by finance director Kathleen O'Donovan who will be even less pleased to learn that some institutions want sacking her - not because she can't make the numbers add up but because of her alleged strategic naivety.

More importantly. Mr Bauman must use the skills he showed in creating Smithkline Beecham in making more of what laughably passes for focus at BTR. Four "major global groups" and three "smaller global and regional groups still look a mess. The rationalisation leaves a proliferation of companies run by managers much more familiar with paring costs than with investing for

growth. BTR's shares seem to have found their level, shuffling between 190p and 210p. From 218p. the downside looks modest. But, at least until next month's results, it is too soon to buy for

Ivory & Sime

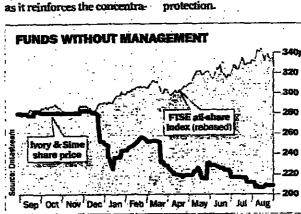
IN ITS own rather coy words, Ivory & Sime intends to "examine strategic opportunities to grow assets under management", but the stock market reckons the business has been on the block for some time.

Rumours have been rife about talks with ABN Amro. and Fortis, a Dutch/Belgian insurer, since Ivory suffered a bout of staff defections leading to the loss of almost £500 million of BAA pension money. Yet, no bidders have emerged, not even from friendly quarters within the Edinburgh investment community. This does not bode well for the ultimate price. At 2 per cent of funds under management, Ivory is not cheap, given that its business has been contracting.

The irony is that Ivory & Sime's investment perfor-

mance was relatively good last year. However, the collapse of funds under manment from £4.3 billion to £3.2 billion leaves a hole in its revenue account and the lemming-like behaviour of pension fund trustees ensures that any setback will be compounded with other defections. This is unfortunate

tion of power within a few institutions - MAM, Schroders, PDFM - whose performance could not be described as sparkling A healthy band of boutique fund managers is what the industry needs, but those brave trustees who make the appointments appear to be more concerned with self-



C&W

CABLE & WIRELESS has been a hive of activity since Dick Brown, the gregarious American, became chief executive a year ago. Peripheral investment and joint ventures were ditched, Mercury Communications was integrated with three cable companies to create Cable & Wireless Communications and, most recently, an agreement was struck with Beijing to swap equity in Hongkong Telecom, its most valuable business, for greater access to the vast Chinese

telecorus market. While the strategy has been sound, the execution leavessomething to be desired. too much, too soon, and is in danger of stretching itself beyond its management capabilities. Cable & Wireless Communications, not surprisingly, is off to a rocky start. The company is even shirking the development of its own. pay-per-view service because it is too busy cobbling together

DOLLAR RATES

four companies. In Australia, C&W's Optus subsidiary is losing a fortune trying to marry a pay-TV service to its phone network. Meanwhile, there is growing belief that C&W's access to the Chinese market will fall short of expectations.

C&W. under Mr Brown. has outperformed the market. But do not be surprised if earnings come under pressure as all his projects, which looked so good on paper. prove difficult to build.

Hotels

BUSINESS is booming in the hotel world, but the City is unenthused: Shares in Thislow last year's float prices. Millennium & Copthorne's recent excellent results caused a minor flurry of activity, but for the most part there is a breathtaking lack of interest in the leisure sector in general and hotel stocks in particular.

A good bid battle might get

things moving. In the aftermath of Granada'a bid for Forte, a host of flotations and takeovers ensued. Jarvis's recent approach to Hanover International is worth watching in case it turns hostile. and rumours persist that Prince al-Walced bin Talal is casting his eye over the stately assets of Cliveden. But neither is remotely in the same league. Ironically, Granada is partly to blame for the malaise, having jacked up room rates and encouraged others to follow suit. Rates have continued to go up on the back of the buoyant economy, but the dream scenario of good occupancy and high room rates cannot go on forever. Sooner on discretionary spending and the effect of sterling on foreign business will take their toll. There will also be extra capacity to contend

should be resisted.

The temptation to check in

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THE IMES: PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Six million taxpayers have just one month to file returns before incurring penalties, Sara McConnell reports

Revenue issues a four-week warning

he Inland Revenue is planning a renewed onslaught their returns under the new selfassessment system. Failure to file correctly and on time could potentially land taxpayers with penalties totalling more than El billion, says Mintel, the independent research

An advertising campaign featur-ing Hector the Inspector, the Revenue's smug cartoon taxman, will start next week, warning people that they have only a month to file their returns if they want the Revenue to work out their tax bill. Only 2.7 million people out of the 8.5 million who received returns in

April have so far sent them back. This is just half the number that is expected to ask the Revenue to dothe sums rather than tackling the confusing maze of boxes and instructions in the tax calculation sheet. Accountants and advisers are preparing for a last-minute panic as the deadline approaches.

September 30 is the first big deadline for taxpayers filling in the new self-assessment tax returns for the 1996-97 tax year. Those prepared to work out their own tax have until January 31, 1998, when they must send a cheque for what they think they owe with the completed return. Those who have left the calculations to the Revenue will be sent a tax bill at the end of January. hased on the figures they have sup-plied. This will also include the balance of any tax owed for 1996-97. Self-employed will also have to make their first payment on ac-

count for 1997-98. The advertising campaign will aim to ram home the message to taxpayers that these deadlines will be taken seriously. Under the old system, no one bothered much as long as returns were in by the end of October following the tax year. There were no fixed penalties for late-filing and the only risk was that of interest on any unpaid tax. Now,



for the first time, there will be a fixed penalty of £100 for filing your return after the final January deadline. If you have still not filed a 1996-97 return by the end of July 1998, you will pay another £100 fixed penalty. At the Revenue's discretion you could also face daily penal-ties of up to £60. On top of these you will pay interest on unpaid tax at the official rate of 8.5 per cent. If you do not pay what you owe by February 28, you will be billed for a sur-.charge of 5 per cent of the outstand-

penalties. Anyone sending in a return after September 30 but before January 31

will not pay a fixed penalty for failing to file but could risk incurring extra interest on unpaid tax. The Revenue said this week that anyone failing to file a complete return by September 30 could not rely on having their tax bill calculated by January 31. "If anyone sends in their return after Septem-

can't guarantee we can let them know how much they owe by January 31. So they may have to pay interest on late payments."

istakes in tax returns could also potentially land taxpayers with interest bills, particularly as the deadline nears, the Revenue says. An estimated 40 per cent of returns processed so far have contained mistakes with o per cent of returns so wrong they have

had to be sent back. Anyone failing to respond by the deadline with the necessary corrections risks a penalty. The Revenue says those in this position should try to work out their tax with the calculation sheet. Accountants - also report that

some Revenue staff working out tax bills are introducing mistakes when they key information from returns into their computers.

Ashley Deakin, chartered accountant and director of Tax Etc. the tax advisory service, says: "The

Revenue isn't infallible and we are seeing errors coming back. For example, pension contributions have not been included in some cases."

But taxpayers have difficulty spot-ting such errors because the final bill is not broken down, says Mr Deakin. The Revenue says that people don't want to be overwhelmed with a detailed breakdown. If they're concerned that something

hasn't been included they can

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can investigate your affairs at any time in the 12 months after the ax year ends.

The Revenue has a helpline if you get stuck: (0645) 000444.

 Do not delay your return because you are waiting for one piece of information. Put in an

ccountants and tax advisers are braced for a people return from holiday and realise they have not sorted out their tax affairs.

Millions have put off the evil hour, daunted by the complicated looking form, the new deadlines and the threat of penalties for mistakes or lateness. Many will be tempted to turn to a "tax professional" for help even if they have never previously done so.

The Revenue says most people who have not previously needed to pay professionals for help with their tax return should not need to start now just because they have to fill in the new self-assessment form. It says: "We don't believe people need accountants. Anyone can get help or advice from our helpline and we have 400 walk-in tax inquiry centres." The helpline is open out of office hours

Accountants are braced for a very busy month

Friday and 8am to 10pm Saturday and Sunday.
But self-assessment has spawned a new crop of high street tax advisers offering to complete tax returns for a fixed fee. Currently there is nothing to stop unqualified people from setting themselves up in business and calling themselves "accountant" or "adviser" or "consultant". Taxpayers who trust

and incur penalties because of mistakes or missed deadlines will have no option but to seek redress through the courts.

By contrast, qualified accountants or tax advisers are members of professional bodies that require members to have professional indemnity insurance to protect clients if things go wrong. Choose as an adviser a chartered or certified accountant, a member of the Chartered Institute of Tax-

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ation, or the Association of Tax Technicians.

A number of firms of charfor a fixed fee ranging from £75 to £175. Kingston Smith. the London firm, charges £75 for what its senior tax partner Richard Wallis says is an "absolutely basic" service. If you have just a salary, a coup-le of building society accounts and privatisation shares, you fit the basic profile.

Cooper Lancaster Brewer. with offices in London. Reigate, Manchester, Bolton. Lancaster and Sheffield, offers to complete returns and advise on tax payments or rebates for a fixed fee of £90. The London accountant Levy Gee's Taxpro service costs E175 including a registration fee of £25 for completing the return, going back to the client for necessary information, providing a helpline and sub-

is edited by Anne Ashworth from 5pm to 10pm Monday to Our biggest mutual friend

Britain has never had anything quite like America's Fidelity Magellan mutual fund, the biggest open-ended pooled vehicle for ordinary investors. It grew vast by the classic method of picking individual growth stocks to outperform the market average. For most of its first 20 years it succeeded, and that record attracted so much money that the fund is now worth almost \$63 billion (£40 billion). This week, Magellan said it would close to new investors from October, though existing holders could still put new money in. Some say it was bowing to

In the early days of British unit trusts. the inevitable. the most popular funds were pretty cautious. Some invested in a spread of investment trusts, offering exposure to growth portfolios but with a double layer of diversification. More were directed to those wanting a high income, performing the useful function of spreading the implied extra risk in individual high-income stocks. Many such stocks proved good value so, in dull markets, income funds often performed well on capital too.

Fund-of-funds units have faded but income funds remain perennially popular. The biggest UK unit trust, a general equity fund, weighs in at £3 billion. But most of the heavyweights are largely used for institutional investment. The biggest unit trust aimed squarely at individual investors is probably the £1.7 billion Perpetual High Income Fund. It serves the same purposes as income favourites 30 years ago. To find anything comparable to Mag-

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ellan in the UK, you have to venture into investment trusts such as the biggest-ranking £2 billion Foreign & Colonial. Like any pooled investment, it aims to spread risk. But there is no fixed portiolio formula. You pay experts to scour the investment world in the hope that their skills will make your money grow faster than the market average and better than you could do. Some do, some don't Many do most of the time.

Peter Lynch built his own and Magellan's reputation in a 13-year stint as manager until 1990. Doubtless he was special. Like as not, he also quit at the right time, when it was becoming harder for a huge domestic fund to beat the average. Smaller funds are more agile and can therefore make worth-

while gains in small stocks. Mr Lynch's successor until 1996, selfconscious about his inheritance, took bigger risks and marched more overtly against the crowd to beat it, with mixed results. The worst mistake was to move however it is packaged.

Magellan into bonds, anticipating a break in equities that did not come. Peter Young of Morgan Grenfell similarly strove hard for dramatic performance. Magellan has now recognised that such a famous fund also suffers more than most from the classic dilemma of open-ended funds. Cash tends to stream in fastest towards the

end of a bull market No wonder there is such a strong trend towards index-matching funds, which bounce the timing dilemma back to the investor. They often outperform the local market average merely by virtue of lower costs. Barclays Global Investors, one of the biggest fund managers since its US merger, runs \$320 billion in index funds, four fifths of total funds under management.

t typically offers index-matching for most of a portfolio spiced with highly active management for the rest. This combination aims to beat the average regularly by a linue. Hermes pioneered such an approach in the UK for its pension funds.

This focuses the risk element of a portfolio to act like a small fund. Private investors have been doing this for years, putting most of their money in "safe" investments and punting a little on risky stocks with high potential, in volatile areas such as emerging markets or on promising but unproven managers of new trusts. A good manager of a big fund should also outperform the average by a little each year. More than that is bound to be matched by risk.



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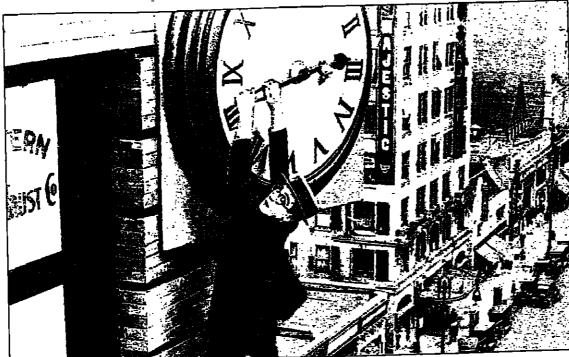
Investors in a bit of a fix

tions have left investors in a bit of a fix. Equities may be the best home for long-term investments. but few advisers would recommend putting all your money into them at the moment. At the same time, the prospect of a further rise in base rates makes long-term fixed-rate investments less appealing.

For the moment, advisers say there is still room for both in a portfolio, but investments must be chosen with care. Mark Bolland of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial adviser, said: The received wisdom is that if rates are going to go up, then fixed-interest products will improve. but there are some good things around at the moment. The trick is to take your own view about where interest rates are going and not to lock in for too long if you expect them to rise again. That way you can take advanrage of any future rate rises."

Mr Bolland thinks some of the ins-

urance company guaranteed-income bonds look particularly appealing. Chamberlain de Broe, for example. offers the GE Financial Services guaranteed-income bond with a oneyear fixed rate of 6.8 per cent net on deposits of £10,000 and higher. This translates into a gross rate of almost 8.8 per cent. The rate is this high partly because the tax rules allow insurance companies to offer very attractive returns and partly because Chamberlain de Broe reinvests its



commission for the year, raising the

net yield from 6.55 per cent. Colin Jackson, managing director at Baronworth Investment Services, believes that even five years is not too long for a fixed-rate investment, if the return is high enough. Baronworth is also cutting its commission to offer a range of bonds including a five-year one through Pinnacle Insurance plc with an annual net rate of 7.10 per cent (about 9.22 per cent gross) on investments above £50,000. "It is a good return for what is a very safe

investment," said Mr Jackson. Those with less to invest should consider some of the bank and building society fixed-rate accounts. The

bond pays 7.25 per cent gross (5.8 per cent net for basic-rate taxpayers) on deposits as low as £1,000. Norwich & Peterborough pays 7.20 per cent ross on a minimum of £5,000 fixed for a year and Alliance & Leicester pays 7.10 per cent on the same basis. Escalator bonds, where the amount

of interest increases annually, are another safe option. But do not be blinded by the fifth-year return. According to research by Moneyfacts, the Halifax's stepped-income reserve is one of the best, paying 5.50. per cent gross in year one, 6 per cent in year two, 7 per cent in three, 8.35 per cent in four and 10.60 per cent in the fifth year on investments of £10,000 and higher. This sounds impressive, but the average annual return is 7.49 per cent gross, or 5.99 per cent for a basic-rate taxpayer.

n alternative is Hinckley & Rugby's step-up bond, which locks up your money for just three years and has an average annual payout of 7.5 per cent on a minimum balance of £5.000. With the stock market still frighten-

ingly high, some advisers see a greater role for gilts. David Kauders, semor partner at Kauders Portfolio Management, said: "Investors should realise vield matters, and not just concentrate on price movements." Mr Kauders thinks that while interest rates may rise in the short term, longer term they will settle below 3 per cent with negligible inflation. He points out that investors with gilts maturing now cannot find new gilts with returns to match their maturing stock. If the trend continues, with gilt prices continuing to rise and yields falling, a 7 per cent yield may look

Sting in the tail when loan expires

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Another one to be wary of

7 ith base interest assumed to be nearing their peak, homebuyers need to take care when looking for fixed-rated mortgages.

three years of protection, especially when it stops you Fixed-rate deals have become a popular way for from going back to the market to shop around. A better deal from the Halifax homeowners looking to stabilise their financial affairs. Borrowers pay a fixed rate of interest on their loan for a specified number of years before switching to the lender's variable rate.

Although it might seem a good idea to fix the rate for as long as possible, in fact timing is crucial. The best strategy is to time the fix so that it expires at a point when interest rates are low or falling. However, fore-casting where interest rates will be more than five years hence is almost impossible.

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be free to shop around sooner fixed deals are the most attractive. Five-year fixed deals also suffer disadvantage that they will

probably finish in the year ufter the next general election when interest rates are likely to be volatile. However, borrowers should not automatically opt for the lowest rate avail able. Lenders who offer bargain rates usually insist borrowers pay their variable rate for several years after the fixed period expires or inflict a hefty redemption penalty, often equivalent to six menths' payments. These lock in pe-

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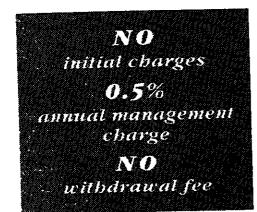
John Charcol another mortgage broker, has arranged a four-year deal with NatWest fixed at 6.99 per cent. It will only charge a redemption penalty if money market rates fall below this rate.

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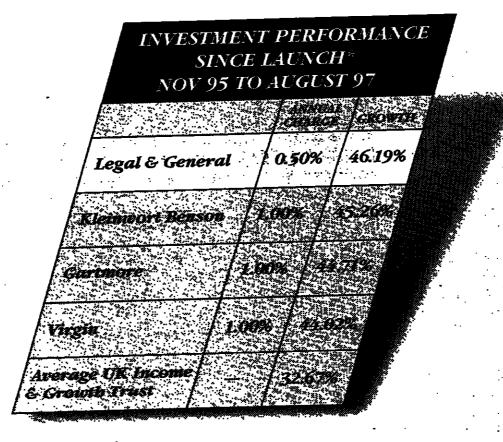


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WAKEUP



Cleaning up housing soap opera

Tarious professionals, including solicitors and estate agents, have a vested interest in prolonging the housebuying process. So it is good news that they are now banding together to streamline the procedures and limit the costs (see page 35). They hope to cut the period between offer and completion from a 14-week soap opera, where the threat of being gazumped is a major plotline, into a West End play. A drama certainly, but one with a

happy ending.
Buyers who use the one-stop housebuying shops are less likely to lose the home of their dreams through unnecessary procrastination. But they should not let gratitude for speedy service overwhelm their instinct for caution. Customers of these shops will be offered mortgages and insurance policies from a panel of preferred insurers. Before they buy they should check how these offers



ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

compare with the best deals elsewhere, and how much commission is being paid to the shop. The wrong mortgage can be a disaster movie.

Instant turn-off

FORM-FILLING is never fun but the self-assessment tax return would try the patience of even the most fervent devotee of minutiae.

Among the more tedious duties is the need to disclose all of your savings income. Banks and building

societies are legally obliged to send out statements of interest paid and tax deducted. But, in practice, some seem not to bother to do so.

This makes life difficult for prolific carpetbaggers with several dozen accounts who could miss the selfsessment deadline of September 30. Hoping for a windfall, they may receive instead a bill for interest on unpaid tax. But while they scurry to seek out the interest details, they may also find it worth checking what rate their balances are earning.

In the line of duty, I keep accounts at some of the societies with a vocal commitment to mutuality to observe whether they keep their pledge to give value and superior service. From my mutuality sample, only

the Britannia had somehow failed to supply my interest information. Needing these details to polish off my tax form. I called at a branch. In the corner, a poster proclaimed the society's aversion to conversion. At the counter, I discovered that the Britannia's way of showing its concern for members was an instant access rate of 0.10 per cent on a balance of £200. The society had closed the account to new investors but failed to contact existing customers, scoring a low mark for service on my mutuality checklist.

At the Portman £200 earns 5.25 pcr cent. Presumably the Britannia sees all small savers as carpetbaggers. best deterred by low rates.

Philip Barron says post-Budget premiums have soared for medical insurance

Elderly run back to NHS



Another 62 per cent had opted for lower-cost reduced cover, choosing to rely more

In the pink: regular exercise by retired people is the best

insurance against needing to call on a health policy

on the NHS, while 23 per cent are considering the options. Other health insurers are less willing to admit they are losing anyone. PPP says news of record waiting lists meant that most of its policyholders were keeping the same level of cover, with the rest opting for lower-cost arrangements. At Bupa, most over-60s are

covered under a policy that allows policyholders to save 28 per cent on their premiums if they accept a £250 excess. A typical customer aged 60-64 who was paying £836 a year with tax relief will now pay £1,086 without the excess and £782 with the excess.

Zig Malendewicz, of Nimis. the financial adviser, was contacted by a man of 70, with a wife two years younger, whose joint renewal premium with Prime Health had risen from

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largest name in the health insurance market, said people with age-capped policies, such as those from Exeter Friendly Society, may avoid the age-rel-ated element of rises. BCWA. which dropped its age-cap policy some years ago, is reinstating customers who joined before that change and who lost the benefit of age-capping when they switched to take

nsurers are restructuring policies to give older people more options. Some facing renewal have opted to pay more to keep their cover at the same level. Others are scaling theirs back and the rest are taking an excess and paying part of any claims.

WPA has introduced four

advantage of tax relief.

policies within which excesses can be chosen to earn discounts. A 60-year-old willing

bills in any year (WPA pays the rest) could cut a premium of £984.85 before abolition of tax relief to £715.35 for comprehensive cover. Taking "limited liability" for up to \$1,000 of bills gives a £975.49 premium.

The same person prepared to limit cover to the main conditions that figure prominently in the NHS waiting lists would pay 5565.92 with no excess or £509.33 if they are willing to pay \$200 of bills. At Exerer Friendly, savings begin with a 1100 excess while at BCWA up to 40 per cent can be saved by contributing towards treatment (from October 1).

Though tax relief is now gone, it is not all had. Cash benefits for policyholders who choose to be treated in NHS hospitals, and cover for complementary therapies — omit-ted from tax-relief policies can be part of the new policies.

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Adam Jones on the wisdom or otherwise of 'following the herd'

Momentum theory hangs in balance



Sir Isaac Newton, while noting that fast-moving objects take time to slow down, also observed the forces of gravity

rading-floor philosophers like pep pering their investment theories with scientific evidence. Who better to lend credibility to your argument than Sir Isaac Newton? Such is the case with momentum investment, a school of thought that has long been popular

among US professional fund managers. In the United Kingdom, individuals are more likely to be disciples, often without knowing it. They are now being given warning that their approach is becoming increasingly risky. Momenturn investment describes the practice of buying into companies that are already rising in market value, on the pseudo Newtonian premise that fast-moving

objects take a while to slow down. This supposedly means there is time to nuy, enjoy some of the price increases and then sell before the stock's charmed run grinds to a halt. It has been likened to jumping on and off a moving train. The underlying quality of the company is often unimportant, overlooked in favour of the sector's prospects or changes in

other people's attitudes to the company. It is this that makes momentum investing anathema to the vocal body of value investors", such as Warren Buffett, the folksy head of the huge Berkshire Hathaway fund in the US. Value investors base their strategy on the strength of the company and often stand alone in their belief in an unfashionable

they would say misunderstood share. For momentum investors, if the herd is not there already, the stock is not worth your trouble. Momentum investing has been very popular in the US.

In the UK, a good example of a momentum stock is Lloyds TSB, which has risen almost 99 per cent over the past year. HSBC Holdings rose 82 per cent in the year. Barclays almost 56 per cent; British Petroleum 40 per cent; SmithKline Beecham 40 per cent; Standard Chartered 39 per cent; Glaxo

US Robotics, familiar in Britain as a maker of palmtop computers and modems, was one company whose rapid earnings growth attracted the momentum investors. When it gave warning that this growth was slowing, the value of the shares halved. Timing in momentum inv-

esting is everything. In the United Kingdom, the most obvious momentum stocks of 1997 are in the banking sector, as well as pharmaceuticals and oil. Most rises in individual share prices have been because of general interest in sectors, big companies, or

international companies. Momentum investing still has a stigma in the City, however, and attracts scepticism. One senior pension fund manager says none of the big institutions has been following a momentum strategy deliberately. He says small companies, which may have momentum because of earnings growth, may not have the liquidity to enable investors to get off the train easily.

A momentum investment trust was planned for last year by Thornton Management but was withdrawn after an ill-timed Wall Street wobble.

obert Kerr, a market strategist at Nikko Europe, the securities house, says that research has shown that share price surges caused by momentum investment tend to last for about six months. He speculates that this is the amount of time taken for the Ci herd to get excited about a fad sector, talk

it up, get bored and let it fall. Nikko is warning momentum investors to change to value investment in the

current market climate. In the event of a market correction, stocks that are already out of favour with the market will fall by a smaller amount. Those whose share price has ballooned away from their traditional valuation may have a very unpleasant time indeed.

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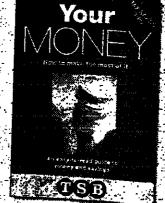
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pany unit trusts have reason to feel hurt. Amid headlines about the stock market boom over the past year. small company trusts are up by, on average, a meagre I per cent. Meanwhile the FTSE 100 has raced ahead by nearly 40

Smaller-company shares have been unloved and unwanted by the stock market. The main investment action has been in the huge demutualising building societies and insurance companies, with institutional investors scram-bling to buy shares in Halifax and Norwich Union

Sterling's sudden jump in value also hit small companies, leading City analysts to mark down profit estimates. In the words of one investment manager, "an overwhelming bearish pyschology has hit smaller companies".

These smaller companies (defined by the City as having a market capitalisation of up to E250 million) have traditionally traded on the stock market at prices just above their larger brethren, in respect of their greater growth pros-pects. Yet by the end of July they were trading at about 20 cent below large stocks the biggest gap in 15 years — on a price earnings basis.

However, there are signs of a rebound. After falling steadily since March, smaller-company shares perked up in

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Patrick Collinson looks at the recent turnround in demand for smaller-company shares

August. One boost has come from a small fallback in sterling, although it remains high. Another is that smaller companies which do not export but focus on UK markets are enjoying the benefits of windfall spending and general economic strength. The sur-prises in profits have been on the upside, not the down-

Leading investment management houses are now beginning to take much greater interest in smaller companies. and smaller-company unit trusts are becoming a firm favourite on the buy lists of investment advisers. Jason Holland, a director of

BESt Investment, said: "Quite a few investors have been asking if they should be selling their smaller-company unit trusts. We have been telling people to do quite the opposite you should be holding or building up your investments in this sector."
Mr Holland recommends

the smaller-company unit trusts from Credit Suisse, Invesco, Perpetual, Gartmore and Schroders. A definite pricing gap has opened up between big and small stocks,

up by big banks, pharmaceuti-cals and oil companies." Bill Mott head of equities at Credit Suisse, said: The rise in the UK stock market has come from a very narrow base of companies. Smaller companies simply haven't participated, and are now looking anomalously cheap. They tend to export a lot of their output and have been hammered by sterling. In my opinion ster-ling is miles too high, and its strength is only temporary."

abour's approach to managing the economy - such as the Budget changes to ACT designed to encourage companies to reinvest profits rather than pay out higher dividends - should also benefit smaller companies, he added.

UK plc hasn't got enough quality growth companies. and has not invested enough in research, development and infrastructure. These are just the sort of companies that Gordon Brown is going to encourage," Mr Mott said. He picks MTL Investments

as typical of the sort of company Credit Suisse invests in. "It produces safety devices



places such as oilrigs, and exports 90 per cent of its output. It spends a lot on research and development, yet in the past year its shares have halved in value. It is the sort of unloved company that has become very undervalued."

invesco's Andy Crossley. however, focuses on the opportunities among smaller companies that are more sensitive to growth in the UK rather than exports. One stock that he has invested in is TJ Hughes, the North West department store chain, where he expects consumer spending to push profits much higher than analysts expect.

A wave of takeover activity may also drive up smallercompany share prices, according to John Sweet of Perpetual. who manages £300 million in small-company shares. If there is an inefficient market in smaller-company shares, as seems apparent, then there will be bids, management buyouts and corporate takeovers from abroad," he said.

Mr Crossley added that takeovers were already going on: "It's a clear indication that corporates are spotting value



Small world: analysts agree that the smaller a company is, the better its chances of weathering market turbulence

sell a high proportion of their

output overseas. Mr Sweet

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that the stock market has not

recognised," he said. All the managers agree that the reasons for investing in a pooled vehicle such as a unit trust or investment trust reducing risk by holding a diversified portfolio of shares

believes in holding a very are all the strunger when broadly based range of comdealing with smaller com-panies. Mr Mott seeks panies with proven managecompanies that have products ment quality. A final point made by some which are not too price-sensitive, are research-driven and

is that if the much-heralded stock market crash does come - and recent months have

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seen increased market volatility - then investors may be better off in a smaller-company fund. Mr Mott concluded: If there is a setback, it's much more likely to be among the leaders. Small companies will be relatively unscathed."

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WHAT THE FUND MANAGERS THINK OF WORLD MARKETS

tock markets across the globe have D enjoyed a record-breaking year so far. Will they continue to defy gravity or is the much-heralded "correction" around the corner? We asked experts at some of the largest investment management companies in the UK, which handle hundreds of billions of pounds in long-term savings, to forecast how each of the major markets will fare over the next 12 months, given the current crises in the Asian currencies.

GARTMORE: Manages £59 billion. Stephen Lowe. principal; member Global Policy gp. UK: Cautious. We are concerned about the unbalanced nature of economic growth, with domestic demand growing rapidly but industrial production hardly growing. Given our nervous-ness on the US market, it is tough to be positive on the UK market.

US: Substantially underweight. We're amazed at the height of the market.

Continental Europe: Underweight. We are optimistic on earnings but valuations are high.

Japan: Cautiously optimistic. We expect prolonged but sluggish expansion.

Pacific Basin: Cautious. The domestic impact of the recent sudden devaluations may be quite severe.

MORGAN GRENFELL ASSET MANAGEMENT:

Manages £82 billion. Greg Fisher, MGAM Investment Policy Committee. UK: Market well underpinned. Equities not over-expensive relative to bonds. Although interest rates may rise and the economy slow, the market may be able to offer returns of 5 to 15 per-

cent in the next six to 12 months.

US: High risk. The corporate profits picture is critical. Coca-Cola and Gillette have produced disappointing figures and, if we see more of that, then we could see a 10 to 15 per cent setback. Continental Europe: Overweight.

Much recent stock market growth has been in a narrow focus of stocks. Japan: Underweight. Valuations are still high in an international context.

six to 12 months. Pacific Basin: Underweight, Shortterm currency risks, but if the economies sustain 6 to 8 per cent growth, it will feed through to higher profits and higher share prices.

It's hard to be optimistic over the next

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UK: Relatively optimistic. We are worried about the valuation of some major overseas equity markets so the UK is relatively attractive. US: Relatively expensive. The economic fundamentals are still positive, and

the big surprise is the continued outstanding performance on inflation. But there is a risk that growth will be too strong, nudging interest rates

Continental Europe Slightly underweight. We pared down our overweight position, with Germany and

higher. We are cautious.

France now looking overvalued. Japan: Moderately overweight. Cheap but on some international indicators the market still looks expensive. Pacific Basin: Neutral. The area's problems are more cyclical than structural and it's not the end of the region's economic dynamism.

■ CRÉDIT SUISSE ASSET MANAGEMENT:

UK: Expensive. The market is vulnerable to a tightening of monetary policy, but there are reasons for markets hitting these levels and supporting

these valuations.
US: Expensive. The economic landscape is pretty benign, to some extent justifying taking asset values higher.

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A REPORT into the pay levels at 75 FTSE 100 companies reveals that most privatised utility bosses are underpaid rather than overpaid.

The study for the Centre for Economics and Business Research, which took into account directors' experience, the company's market capitalisation and their performance in generating shareholder value concludes, that they were paid less than their experience and company performance and size demanded.

☐ Speculation is mounting that the Northern Rock Building Society will increase its share price estimate by 10 per cent or more, resulting in windfall handouts of about £1,600. The company is making its final

preparations for the release of its prospectus next week. ☐ The predicted slump in

personal equity plan sales in the wake of the July 2 Budget has failed to materialise, according to the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif). The Chancellor's announcement that Peps were to be replaced by a new savings vehicle was expected to hit sales badly but net sales of Peps invested in unit trusts, usually the main vehicle, was held up ar £540 million in July thanks to building society windfalls and buoyant share prices.

☐ Britain's top companies could face a bill of up to £2 billion for increased pensions costs after the abolition of the dividend tax credit to pension funds in Gordon

most heavily on companies with big pension schemes such as BT which may need to top up its fund by £106 million. The threat of cash calls from pension fund trustees could push employers to close down their final salary schemes and replace them with lower-quality money purchase schemes. ☐ Swiss Bank Corporation

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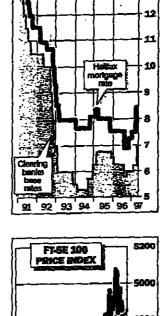
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PST-TIME BUYERS

Marianne Curphey reports on moves to end gazumping and speed up house sales

From sale to move in six days

Buying or selling a house could take days or weeks rather than months if sweeping changes predicted by mortgage lenders and estate agents take place next year. Even the Law Society, which had resisted change, is now urging solicitors to become involved in setting up "one-stop fi-nancial shops" offering legal and mortgage services, valuations and searches.

time between making an offer on a house and exchanging contracts, reducing the likelihood of gazumping. One such group of solicitors in Scotland was yesterday told by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that although it operated a monopoly, it was not doing so against the public interest. The MMC found that the Solicitors' Property Centres, which has branches in England, generally charged lower than average fees. Most

The centres aim to cut drastically the

testing demand for such outlets by opering pilot centres.

This week Hambro Countrywide, the biggest estate agency in the UK, announced it was doubling to six the number of one-stop shops and intended by next year to increase its staff threefold to 300. Just days later, a code of practice for estate agents was extended to include small, independent chains as well as large corporate agencies. The voluntary scheme allows people with grievances access to an independent ombudsman. The Government is also looking into the process of house selling to try to find a solution to practices such as gazumping.

Harry Hill, managing director of Hambro Countrywide, said the shops offered a complete conveyancing service for a fixed fee of £350 plus VAT for

of the hig mortgage lenders, including all properties up to £300,000 Hambro owns such companies as Mann & Co. Taylors, Dixons and Bairstow Eves.

"We are competing on service, not price," he said. "In other parts of the country you might find a high street solicitor who is cheaper. We are aiming to cut the transaction time to six days and eventually complete sales on a Saturday or Sunday, which is virtually unheard of. This will mean people do not need to take a day off to move."

The Law Society dismissed Hambro's claims that a house sale should take just six days, saying the deal moved "as slowly as the slowest person in a chain", It also initially expressed concern that an estate agency might act for both buyer and seller, thus threatening the independence of any advice.

man for the Law Society, said he had been reassured by news that reputable legal firms such as Eversheil and Shoosmiths and Harrison had agreed to join Hambro's scheme. He saided: "We would like to see solicitors sening up their own conveyencing centres where people can chaose the services or package this profer."

Mr Hill expressed surprise that legal firms were only now responding to competition. "At present it can take 14 weeks to sort out a sale, during which time prospective buyers drop out. We want to spend this up, and are operat-

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University fees threat to first-time buyers

Bety bosses are fond of describing first-time buyers as the "motor of the housing market", essential to any sustained recovery. To their relief, first-time buyers are in optimistic mood. A recent Halifax study showed that such was their confidence in rising prices that they expected to be able to sell their homes and move to higher

priced properties in weeks. However, growing gradu-ate debt, after the introduction of university tuition fees, could discourage those in their twenties from becoming homeowners, with consequences for the values of all properties. Already students

are leaving college an average £2,000 in debt. Fees could lift this fivefold. This would be a big blow to lenders, after the recent rise in demand by firsttime buyers. in the 12 months to June, 43 per cent of loans went to them, up 5 per cent.

Already recent graduates may be finding that their borrowings, though modest, are making it more difficult for them to become homeowners. Shona Cooper, a civil engineer, found herself rejected by Bristol & West's direct mortgage division because she has still has to repay £650 of a £1,200 loan from the Government's Student Loan Scheme, B&W declined to process her application, say-

ment was a "committed outgoing". It also objected to her having exceeded her £500 overdraft by 55 for a few days.

Miss Cooper has a full-time job with prospects at the company that sponsored her through university. She said: "I applied to B&W because I was attracted by a particular offer — a two-year fixed rate at 5.69 per cent. I wanted to borrow £52,000, \$4 per cent of the property's value."

After the intervention of

The Times. B&W agreed to grant the loan. At Miss Cooper's request it also waived the £250 arrangement fee.

ANNE ASHWORTH



Shona Cooper was penalised over her graduate loan

Branch costs push Halifax way behind the opposition

ith much fantare, the Halifax has now announced new rates for savers, to take effect from Monday. Any increase in savings rates is to be applauded, but the rises are generally not enough to make the Hali-

exceeding the base rate rise. Some, however, such as deposits above £10,000 in the Liquid Gold account, rise by just

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0.20 percentage points.

After the changes, savers with £2.500 will get 3.95 per cent in a Liquid Gold account, 4.10 per cent in a Solid Gold account, 4.10 per cent in a 60-Day Gold account, 4.10 per cent in a following Gold account of 5.25 per cent in Beauty Gold.

Halifax's new range

Postal 60 would pay 6.40 per cent, on the same balance but allows only one penalty-free withdrawal a year. However, the best instant-access account for deposits of £2,500, according to research by Moneyfacts, remains Cheltenham & Gloucester's Instant Transfer account, which has a new rate of 7 per cent from Monday (up from 6.75 per cent). It is operated by telephone in tandem with

your ordinary bank account at any bank. Other attractive new rates are available 6.70 per cent on balances of £5,000, and Coventry Building Society, which pays 7 per cent on halances of £5,000 and above

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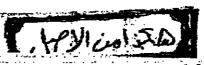
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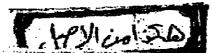
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Little Indian braves uphill battle

IN THE United States, racecourses lack variety. Without hesitation or deviation, but with endless repetition, horses labour round a treadmill of level, sharp, left-handed circuits. At Sandown yesterday. Little Indian reminded the British racing public of their contrasting good fortune.

The colt's previous race had been over the downland of Goodwood, where he finished strongly but was still beaten nearly five lengths. In yesterday's Solario Stakes, he faced a much stiffer finish - and that enabled him to get decisively involved, pouncing late up the hill to collar Tracking by half a length. Haami, the favourite, rather wobbled off the bridle and was beaten another two lengths.

Little Indian earned quotes of 33-1 for the 2,000 Guineas and Derby, but the Tote cut Central Park, who had beaten him so emphatically at Goodwood, to 4-1, from 12-1, for the Guineas, though you can still get 141 with Ladbrokes. King Of Kings, that most garrulous of talking borses, is now out to 8-1 (from 6-II with both firms. Sharp Play was second to him at the Curragh two weeks ago, but yesterday beat only one home and that was Celtic Cava-



Little Indian, right, gets the better of Tracking in a thrilling finish to the Solario Stakes at Sandown yesterday

lier, who happens to be a stablemate of King Of Kings. Ladbrokes took the opportunity to cut Daggers Drawn a point, to 5-1 favouritism, after his galloping companion, Tracking, had tried so bravely

to make all. He looked like

pulling it off, too, as Little Indian only really found his stride when pulled out inside

the last. Sean Woods, Little Indian's trainer, said: "He does need daylight. At Goodwood, they slowed up and then quickened, but he still made up eight lengths once he got it. It's only being trained by me that allowed him to go off 12-1. John Reid said that he quickened up really well. He is still learning about the job, and is

Woods himself may still be learning his own job, but there is certainly nothing lazy about the way he is working his way up the second division of Newmarket's trainers. He made the most of Mistle Cat. and now he has a very sensible

4.45 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP

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SONG OF FREEDOM can continue to progress

Alcalate 161 7th to May Emma in 11/km group I Yorkshire Cales at York (good) Arco Colora 381 7th to Blaesysteen in 71 Yamputik maiden states (good). Encore 654 4th to Norsinatar Lad in 11m Notlingham maiden auction states (good to firm) with Sceptive Lady (levels) at his back in 5th. Hithernica 81 6th to Northern Angel in 71 Sallisbury maiden states (good to firm). Kinazinat El Der 161 2nd to Alphaher in 1m Windsor malden states (good). Le Bette Ohen, Numyer 81th, tatt-dister to several winners in the US, including a grade ill winner Rumar 1944 4th to Agray Anti 11/km Sandown malden auction states (good to firm). Sileu Winalian, In The Wings 18th, half-sister to several winners on the Flat and over hurdles. Star Gambit, Defensive Play 8thy out of a mane who was a winner in the US.

ENCORE, who can green on his debut, should improve for the experience,

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Post Trophy. Quite a discovery, too - he is by Little Missouri, an American stallion who is thoroughly obscure over here.

Obscurity looms menacingly for Haami, in whose defence it can at least be said that he was still green. John Dunlop, his trainer, said: "I was frightened about the ground. but would hesitate to use that as an excuse. He came there so easily, but when he was let down - well." Well, he was a mtal let-down.

The unbeaten Almutawakel was withdrawn from the Solario, which must have made Frankie Dettori fear that his day was going from bad to worse. He had, in the morning, already lost a £300 deposit for detaining the Jockey Club with a truitless appeal against the five-day ban he picked up for irresponsible riding at Goodwood last Saturday.

It starts on Monday, but the Italian is doing his best to insure against any loss of momentum in his championship duel with Kieren Fallon. Fallon, one ahead at the start of proceedings, won on Shawm, but his rival promptly retrieved the advantage by completing a 39-1 treble — courtesy of Shaska, Siege Perilous and Azores.

Dragonada can regain winning thread over mile

SANDOWN PARK **CHANNEL 4**

2.35: Dragonada looks solid each-way material against some lightly raced and potentially useful fillies who could go off at short prices. Henry Cecil's runner won on the easy ground at Epsom on her seasonal reappearance in June and was far from disgraced in group two company at Newmarket and in a listed race at Salisbury before running out of stamina when second to Dust Dancer over a mile and quarter last time. The step back to a mile

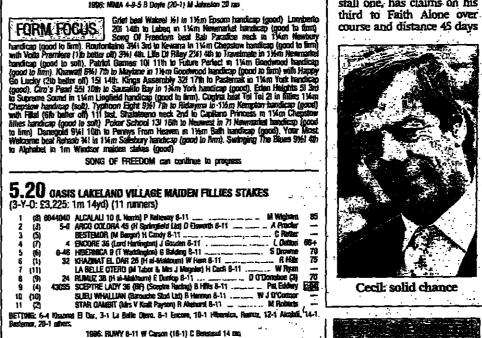
on this suff track should suit. Dances With Dreams started the season contesting the French Guineas and Oaks, but was disappointing at Chepstow in a listed race five weeks ago. Hirasah made light of being out of action for more than a year when winning over course and distance 17 days ago and is open to improvement along with Geoff Wragg's Egoli, who impressed when winning a maiden here on

her recent debuty.

3.40: Moon Strike, with Frankie Dettori booked, returned a career best effort when winning the Coral Cup at Haydock three weeks ago. Significantly, his two other victories over the past year came on easy ground and stiff tracks (Newcastle and Newmarket), so conditions are ideal today. However, I just prefer

Soviet Leader, who is running for the first time since being gelded. A winner on good to soft ground at Nottingham in the spring, he is well treated at the weights judged on his good third last time behind Danetime at Newmarket and the excellent Royston Ffrench claims a useful 3lb.

Taoiste, well drawn in stall one, has claims on his third to Faith Alone over course and distance 45 days



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ago, but may prefer better ground.

4.10: The blinkered Mengaab fought back well to win at Goodwood last Friday, having been headed a furlong out, and should not be inconvenienced by tuday's extra quarter mile. Stahr is another to have benefited from the application of headgear, having won his last two starts at Folkestone. including one on easy going. Nichol Fifty should relish the conditions, being by Old Vic. and the extra distance is in his favour after staying on stoutly to claim the spoils at Chester last time.

Royal Castle has been off the course for S0 days but fitness will hopefully not be a problem for this superblybred colt, who should relish this stamina test. By

HICHARD EVANS

Nap: SURVEYOR (2.10 Chester) Next best: Cease Fire (2.30 Ripon)

Timekeeper (James Willoughby) pirpointed Little Indian (12-1), the Solario Stakes winner, at Sandown

Caerleon, he is out of Sun Princess, the 1983 Oaks and St Leger winner, and really appreciated the step up to a mile and a half last time after showing plenty of promise in three earlier outines.

4.45: Cugina is arguably the form horse judged on her victory at Chepstow on easy ground. However, that came in a fillies' handicap, where she ran in snatches, and today's race looks tougher. Roufontaine finished in front of Voila Premiere at Chepstow, but the latter was returning after a lay-off and can reverse the placings. Song Of Freedom has yet to encounter going this testing, but the Arazi coit, a halfbrother to Singspiel, is progressive and looks worth following after winning at Newbury last time out.

RICHARD EVANS

Cecil: solid chance MONDAY: Hamilton Park (first race, 2.15), Hexham (2.00). TUESDAY: Folkestone (2.30),

WEDNESDAY: Erighton (2.20), York (2.10), Newton Abbot (2.30). THURSDAY: Salisbury (2.20), York (2.10), Fontwell Park (2.30). FRIDAY: Epsom (2.05), Haydock Park (2.15), Sedgefield (2.25). SATURDAY: Epsom (C4, 2.05), Haydock Park (B8C, 2.00), Thirsk (2.20), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00), Stratford (2.25).

Plat meetings in bold

9/1 Cugina



20/1 Ciro's Pearl

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2.00 Pianist

3,40 Patsy Grimes 4.10 Nichol Fifty 4.45 VOILA PREMIERE (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.00 GREENBROOK. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Kilimanjaro. 5.20 ENCORE (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.SEF.G.S) (Mrs. D.Robinson) B Holl 9-10-0 _ B West (4) 88

bayounde in latest race). Goisto on which horse has uran (F — tirm, good to firm, frant. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets Trainer. Age and weight. Ruler plus any alkowance. Timeleoner's suited rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 CHIEF BARKERS SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £2,596: 71 16yd) (10 runners) (3) 003-210 GREENBROOK 14 (D.S) (Mrs. L. Green) W.G.M. Turner 9-7 . D. Sweeney (3) [
(10) 0540 PERSIAN VENTURE 28 (Mrs. B. Bell) B. Micham 9-5 . C. Lowther (5) (8) 5003. CATCH THE RAYRIOW 25 U. Sonvik-Osbourner) J. Smyth-Osbourne 9-0 F. Lyoch (9) 4544014 MARSKE MACHREE 10 (B.G) (Marske Machame Co) N. Tripter 8-13 L. Detton (7) 0562 Plants 11 (G. Prichard) G. Lewis 8-11 L. Detton Paul Eddary (5) 10512605 ARM AND A LEG 28 (V.P.) (Mrs. R. Aggo) C. Dyoys 8-11 O. Dronohoe (3) (5) 07 JATO BANCES AS (D.P.) (Timbervil) Plants M. Charmon 8-10 Paul Eddary (2) 004 FRANCES CA'S (POLLY 17 (F. Brensboot) J. Hills 8-6 . R. Hills (1) 035 276 ZAG 94 (Mrs. C. Hollest) M. Turnphins 8-3 D. Beggs (4) 4000 Rivers RRONTIER 15 (D. L. Shenker) M. Usher 7-10 J. Marshall Landdags, finer Frontier 7-7

BETTING, 7-2 Jano Dancer, 9-2 Marshe Machine, 6-1 Greenbrook, 7-1 Peauss, 8-1 Persten Venture, Zig Zig, 10-1 Catch The Rumbow Arm And A Leg. Francesca's Folly, 16-1 River Frontier 1996 RUN LUCY RUN 3-2 G Dalfield (8-1) R Guest 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

Greenbrook 101 7th to Ra Ra Rasputun in 61 Wolverhampton stakes (all-weather) Persian Venture 171 10th to Mertin's Ring in 77 Goodwood handkcap (good to firm) Catch The Rainhow 181 3rd to Sunfey Seeket in 71 Southwelf maden stakes (stif-weather), Marske Machine 4%1 4th to Russian Romeo in 81 Lencester selter (good) Plantist 4x1 3rd to Worll Forgal Me in 77 Folkestone seller (good to firm) Arm And A Leg 5%1 5th to Bermuke Triangle in 61 Lingfield seller (good to firm), Jato Wildeat in 71 Salsbury claimer (good to firm) 2tg 2ag 3%1 5th to Arm And A Leg (3th worse off) in 51 Yarmouth seller (firm). River Fronteer 5%1 8th to Beechwood Ouest in 51 Southwell seller (all-weather)

ARM AND A LEG should appreciate the return to seven furlongs

2.35 VINTAGE INNS DISTRICT 48 TOP TEN CONDITIONS STAKES

BETTING 11-10 Fatte 9-4 Killmangoo 9-2 Abutod, 7-1 Colleville 1996 MEDAALY 9-0 J Reid (4-9 tax) Sitan Suspor 6 ran

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Bounty Inf in 7/ Salestory marden (good to firm). Killimanjano 5/

Alth to Manboob in 7/ Newtory marden states (good to firm). Colleville slayed on strongly to best

Mustique Oream 3/ in 7/ Lencester marden states.

FANHR gets the vote but all the runners are likely to improve on the bare turn

3.05 FORD 21 YEARS CELEBRATION ATALANTA STAKES CA

302	(1) 43	05062	SALLY SLADE 9 (F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-0 R Firench	85
303			UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 15 (F) (Ms H Contra) M Joinston 4-9-0 M Roberts	110
304	(3) 43	03311	APACHE STAR 13 (V.D.F.S) (A Opperheumer) 6 Wrang 3-8-8 Paul Eddary	104
305	(9) 40	16-03	BOOJUNA 106 (F.S.) (Mrs. A Bourne) B Hills 3-8-8	100
306	(10) 1	2-403	DANCES WITH DREAMS 36 (5) (A Gillespie) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-8 R Havlin	118
307	(5) 31	3-320	DANCING DROP 53 (BF.F.G) (M Subari) R Hannon 3-8-8 W J O'Cornor	110
308	(7) 14	-1422	DRAGONADA 17 (BF,F,S) (Nearthos Family) H Cacal 3-8-8 W Ryan	122
309	(14)	1	EGOLI 16 (C.F.) (A Oppenhermen) G Wrapp 3-8-8	77+
310	(13)	1-1	HEPLASAH 17 (CD.F.G.) (H al-Maktourn) R Armstrong 3-8-8 R Hills	95+
311	(12i	5150	JAPN 51 (F) (H al-Makoum) B Hambury 3-8-8	96
312	(4) 61	2-055	KHASSAH 52 (D,F) (H al-Maldoum) J Gosden 3-8-8 L Detton	111
313	(11) 1	3155	MARIA RIVER 31 (C.D.F.G) (N Harrs) Balding 3-8-8 C Lowener	107
314	(8)	1-	ONE SO WONDERFUL 358 (G) (H Springfield Ltd) I. Curram 3-8-8 Pat Eddery	94+
BETT	NG 4-1	uragona	da. 5-1 Khaosah, 6-1 Dances With Dieams, Hirasah, 7-1 One So Wonderful, 8-1 of	ters :
		- 1	1998; WANDERPAG STAR 3-8-8 N Day (12-1) J Fanshque 11 ran	

FORM FOCUS

| Unconditional Love 1%| 3rd to Decorated Hero in 71 Newbury group III race (good to firm). Apache Star beat Antarcia: Storm 1/41 in 1m Portelraci handicap (good to firm). Dances With Dust Dancer in 11/4m Chepston isled race at Chepston (good to firm). Dragonada \$1 2nd to Dust Dancer in 11/4m fillies listed race at Salisbury (good to firm). Egoid beat Warning Express 33/4 in maden fillies state: at Salisbury (good to firm). Hirasah beat Cape Cross nech in 5-undown (good to Irm). Hirasah beat Cape Cross nech in 5-undown (good to Irm). Hirasah beat Cape Cross nech in 5-undown (good to Irm). Hirasah beat Cape Cross nech in 5-undown (good to Irm). Hirasah beat Cape Cross nech in 5-undown (good to Irm). All the salises (17) good). One So Wonderful quickened impressively to beat Alphabet 3/41 in 71 Kempton fillies states (71, good). ONE SO WONDERfull can confirm the good impression made at Kempton last season

3,40 MARSHALL AMPLIFICATION RATED HANDICAP

49 (6) 013403 SOMET LEADER S3 (5) (Matthews Reging) R Guest 3-8-5 ... R Firence (3) 100 410 (7) 0006205 PRIOTS PET 29 (8.BF,CD,G) (Broadgies Pines) R Hannon 3-8-5 C Lowther (5) 97 Into Inspiration Wiles China S Time 8 2 Long handicap. William Cale 8-5. Taosas 8-3, Youdonissy 8-3, Some Leader 8-3, Rudi's Pet 8-1

BETTING: 11-4 Moon Strike, 3-1 Sowel Leader, 5-1 Patry Grines, 6-1 William Dale, 8-1 Clerkly Cancer, 10-1 others 1996: CROWNED AVENUE 4-9-5 5 Sanders (7-1) P Maldin 13 nat.

FORM FOCUS

| Moon Strike beat Midnight Escape neck in 51 Haydock handleap (good to firm). Loch Patrick 4½i 8th to Young Precedent in 71 Newbury handleap (good to firm). Patry Grimes sh hd 2nd to Sharp Pearl in 51 Newmarket amateur handleap (good to firm). Youndontsay 74i 8th to Sacie Storm in 51 Epsom handleap (good). Soviet Leader 2½i 3rd to Danetime in 61 Newmarket handleap (good).

4.10 SUNLEY HANDICAP (£3,225: 1m 6f) (18 runners)

1998. NOR'S FLUTTER 7-10-0 D Griffets (16-1) D Elsaorth 12 ran FORM FOCUS

Prince Kinsky 51 3rd to Roisin Clover in 1½m kampton handleap (good to firm). Paradise Ravy bear Action Jackson ½4 in 1½m Yammoth battles handleap (good to firm). Mampaab beat Urgent Swit sh hid in 1½m Goodwood handleap (good to firm). Galapino beat Pay Homage neck in 1½m Warwick handleap (good to firm). Statir best irrooper neck in 1½m Folkestone handleap (good to firm). Michol Fifty beat Ship Jig sh hid in 1½m Chester stakes (good to firm).

MICHOL FIFTY shapes as though this langer trip will suit

CHESTER

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 LINENHALL CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O £4.764 61 18yd) (7 runners)

2.10 Jimmy Too. 2.45 Samwar. 3.15 Hunters Of Brora. 3.50 Kutta. 4.20 Dancing Feather. 4.55 Next

G: 4031 EXBOURNES WISH 8 (D.5) 8 Halls 6-13 M Hills 53
(5) 313 JAMAN TOO 49 (D.5) 8 Hald-hard 9-13 Fortune 76
(7) 15 SUMEZ LA TRACE 35 (S) R Fabry 4-13 R Contrare 79
(4) 41 SURVETOR 13 (D.F) 1 Dunlop 8-13 T Sprake 91
(5) 4301 THE 600VELES 14 P Feare 8-13 J F Figure 91
(6) 4220 WIREOUT 10 (G) R Harmon 8-13 J F Figure 91
(6) 4220 WIREOUT 10 (G) R Harmon 8-13 S Sanders 73

7-4 Surveyor 3-1 Wreten Pilot, 5-1 Edoumes Wich, 6-1 Survey La Trace 7-1 January Too, 8-1 Alpha 20-1 The Grandles 2.45 ROWTON MOOR HANDICAP

5 Sances: 84

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5 12 000 BRANGE EART 105 (B,G) M Channen 3-9-7 A Eddery (7) 61
6 161 0-60 MACEBO 103 (P) Feart 4-9-7 A MACCARDY (7) -(11) 3010 HALLEU MAN 7 (B,D,F,G) E Vibeler 5-9-6 (5 paids 62
7 (1) 0030 SMIND 29 (B,D,F) P Sant 3-9-4 ... J F Span 62

(6) 1131 CRUSS THE BORDERY 2 (D,G) O Nicrola 4-9-3

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10 (9) 2522 TUSCAN DAWN 5 (DEC.S) | Berg 7-2-12 | PRODUCTS | 281 11 | 151 1000 SWAN AT WHALLEY 8 (CD.G) R Fabry 5-8-10 | R WINCLOW (7) | 82 12 | 121 0560 UNSHAKEN 19-00 S; 6 Status 2-0.10 7 Minutes (7) 42 12 (12) 0560 UNSHAKEN 19 (0.5) 6 Scarc 3-8-10 . . . M Hills 13 (18) 0-20 LADY CAROLINE LANG 17 (0.5) 8 Busterium 4-9-3 J Duller 84 C Cross The Bender 7-2 Tussan Dawn, 6-1 Westcourt Magne, 8-1 Squire Corne. Blow Man, 10-1 Pakengale Touch Genon 12-1 others

3.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS HANDICAP

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9 :10) 0065 KNANE'S ASH 5 (F.G) D haznoils 6-8-8 Alex Groaves 86 10 (9) 1970 DUERNS CONSUL 13 (D.F.G) & Rational 7-8-8 M Fration 90 11 1161 3135 MR SPORTOE 14 (BF.F) Bishing 3-8-7 S Sanders 95 12 (14) 1351 MR SPORTOE 14 (BF.F) Bishing 3-8-7 S Sanders 95 12 (14) 1351 CAPTAIN SCOTT 42 (D.F.) (Govern-3-4-4 G Carter 100 13 (7) 001 (BL) SANDAI 16 (D.F. Bishing 3-8-7 Sandai 190 (BE) 15 (D.F. Bishing 3-7 Sandai 190 (BE) 15 (S.F. Bishing 3-7 Sandai 190 (BE) 15 (S.F. Bishing 3-7 Sandai 190 (BE) 16 (4) 0060 1 CANT REMEMBER 42 (V.G.D.F.G.S) P Exoty 3-7-10 17 (17) 4421 MYTTONS MISTAKE 7 (CD.F) A Saley 4-7-10 P.M. Caust (7) 90 18 (11) 1102 WENTERDGE LAD 1 (CD.F.G.S) A Basey 7-7-10 Mistares 177 97

3.50 CHESTER RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: £15.342. 1m 5l 89yd) (11)

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1 (11 5012 MUTTA 41 (D.F.G.S) R Armstrong 5-9-7 G Carter 105

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3 (5) 2120 TAMFANS MELODY 10 (F.G. S) MESS Fell 7-9-3 JF Egati 108

4 (71) 4200 GREY 500 30 (F.G.S) B Eint 10-9-3 JF Orange 11

5 (4) 2244 RIRTHER FLENT 10 (C.F.G.S) B Eint 11-9-1 JF Orange 11

6 (8) 0042 STATE ERROR 119 (S) J Rache 6-9-3 JF Orange 11

7 (8) 005 BEAUCHAMP JAME 29 (F.G. M Card) 5-6-6 A McGlone 11

8 (7) 4-15 MOHAWK RIVER 10 (G) M State 4-9-7 S Sanders 112

9 (3) 0040 STATE ERROR 20 (C.F.) 8 HHE 3-8-4 G Outside [118]

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4.20 ROUSE ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(£3,769, 1m 4f 66yd) (5) (1) SOSTENUTO R hollenshead 4-9-7 D Criffics (3) —
(3) GS CLASSIC FAM 17 M Charmon 3-9-11 J F Egan 7-9
(2) 54 DANCING FEATHER 78 (EP) B Holls 2-9-11 L F Egan 7-9
(4) 5 MSS VITA 7 R Wildoms 23-9-11 G Datable 7-9
(5) 3222 NIGHTLARK 29 (BF) D Loder 3-9-11 R Cochrane 183 1-3 Neglatari, 2-1 Denoting Feather, 20-1 Classon Fan. 25-7 Mars 1/4, 33-1

4.55 EASTGATE CLOCK CENTENARY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £5,605: 71 2yd) (11)

4-1 Next Round, 5-1 Arres At Deem Ru Ra Rassman, Densig Flyes 7-1 Cappentite Leader, 8-1 BugBardisanction, 12-1 Out trite Mages, Talle A Turn, 14-1 others

THUNDERER 2.20 Coral Island. 2.55 Trap Dancer, 3.30 Kernof. 4.00 Yaakum. 4.30 Charily Crusader, 5.05 Vintage

2.20 NAYLOR CLAYWARE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,276: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

12 DAMN SURART 14 (G) P Bradley 11-3 R Johnson
CORAL ISLAND 227 J Fizypezid 10-10 P Carbery
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5 RATHER EDUK 29 J J O Neet 10-10 R Medicath (S)
PALOOST 17F M Harmood 10-10 R Garrity
SARRE DAMICH 35F R Alfan 10-10 S Metrode (7)
BARY JANE 42F 8 Medicappar 10-5 B Storey
EPONNE 55F E Block 10-5 A Thomason 7-4 Dawn Summu, 5-1 Salary Dancer, 6-1 Polotost, 8-1 Goral Island, Falher Eddle, Salary Jane, 10-1 Doctolands Carnage, 16-1 others.

2.55 BONSPIEL ENGINEERING NOVICES CHASE

1 22-1 TRAP DANCER 22 (D.F.G) P Montach 9-11-5 A Dobbin 2 2-51 TWO PAR DRE 2 (D.F.G) Mes 1 Russell 8-11-5 . A Thorston 3 PRAF I DRIVES PER DRIVES 29 (D.F. NHE 0 Thorston 9-10-12 . The drives PER DRIVES PER DRIVES PAR DRIVES 4-6 Trap Dancer, 15-8 Two For One, 8-1 Hower Of Dumblane, 25-1 Youy's Feelings.

3.30 HEATHER PRE-PACKS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,009: 2m 110yd) (4)

: 125- SECRET SERVICE 19F (8F.D.S.) C Thomson 5-11-10 M Foster 2 14- KESP BATTLING 19F (CD.F.G.) 3 Golde 7-11-10 R MeGrath (9) 3 1PF MERRIF 7 (8.BF.D.F) M Hommond 4-11-5 ... R Santhal 4 305- SR CLERKS 31F (8F.D.S.) J FiziSerdd 4-10-13 ... P Canteny 4 femal 5-2 Keep Balting, 11-4 Siz Clerks, 9-2 Secret Service. Blinkered first time

CHESTER: 2 45 Maibu Man, Swino 4 55 Lakeland Pride, Out Like Magic PERTH: 4,30 Charity Crusader RIPON: 2,30 Moy 4 40 Shooting Star 5,10 Any Leigh SANDOWN PARK: 2,00 Arm And A Leg.

4.00 NAYLOR CLAYWARE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,355: 2m) (7)

Mides % 277 21 7 237 20.7 182 14.3

4.30 MURRAYSHALL GOLF COURSE MOVICES 1 542/ CHARITY CRUSADER 7F (BUR) Nex M Rendby 8-10-12 2 UF INSAVNE 679P R Johnson 8-10-12 K Abbresson 3 F20- JACK DORY 151 Mar S Bradgurer 5-10-12 M Foosit-4 O-BS MONTULYAR 5 W Kenip 6-10-12 B Powels

5.05 NAYLOR CLAYWARE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,671: 2m 4l 110yd) (4)

2-9 Charity Crusader, 11-2 Jack Gety, 10-1 (Ontetyar, 25-1 Inserted

22,671: 2011 47 11 Uyu, (**; 1 6412 FRONTIER FLIGHT 7 (D.F.G.) Mess L Stockall 7-11-10 Elifestiman (2) 6-4 Vintage Tailbriger, 2-1 Chill Wood, 5-2 Frontier Blight, 7-1 Burnstonner,

COURSE SPECIALISTS

PERTIK. Trainers: P Hobbs, 12 winners from 26 names; 46 23; S Medica, 4 from 10, 40.0%; him M Revoley, 23 from 60, 38.3%; J Godfie, 14 from 49, 28.0%; J Figurada, 6 from 25, 24.0%; M Famourad, 22 from 102, 21 ffs; P Medically, 17 from 22, 20.7%; M Inities, 3 from 16, 16.6%; Jockeya; C Lieudiya, 6 wanners from 15 tides, 40.0%; P News., 26 from 85, 30.2%; A Dobbin, 18 from 83, 21 7%; P Carbony 8 from 37, 21 5%; R Garrilly, 11 from 53, 20.5%; R Medicals, 6 from 34, 17.5%. CHESTER Trainers. T Ethernolon. 3 winners from 8 namers. 37.9%; D Loder. 4 from 15, 26.7%; J Dunido, 5 man 19, 26.3%; R Williams, 3 horn 13, 23.1%; M Strote. 16 horn 75, 27.9%; P Herris, 3 turn 44, 27.4%; R Herron, 14 horn 72, 19.9%; Dockgyer, J Egon, 6 winners from 34 rides, 17.5%; R Cockrane, 6 from 40, 15.0%; G Duffeld, 3 horn 20, 15.0%; J Founse, 8 horn 63, 12.7%, M Hills, 9 from 71, 12.7%; J Owent, 7 from 57, 12.3%

☐ John Flitch-Heyes, the Lewes trainer, bas booked Adrian Maguire to ride Ballynagus-saun in the Prix Felix de Ruyck, a hundle race over 17 furlongs at Waregem in Belgium next. Tuesday. Flitch-Heyes also runs Do Be Ware ه كذا من الأصل

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rew additions welcomed aboard

he scene had a haunting beauty, a deceptive tranquility: a lone boat sliced through the warm, turquoise waters of Lac d'Aiguebelette and into the shadows cast by the low clouds that caressed the lime-

The eye was drawn to its white hull and the metronomic efficiency of four men, acting and thinking as one. They relished the anonymity of the moment because the instant they returned to the pine-clad shore, they had to contend with the preconceptions of an entire sport. Only by winning the coxless fours title at the world rowing

championships, which begin here tomorrow in the foothills of the Alps, can the team that bears collective responsibility for Steve Redgrave's entry into Olympic history begin to justify itself. The oppressive pressure of public

stone cliffs.

accountability is familiar to the lives of Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, with whom he has won two of his four successive Olympic titles, but to Tim Foster and James Cracknell, the other members of Great Britain's so-called Fab Four. it is a diverting, entirely new

Rowing may be an esoteric sport. GREAT Britain's coxless four of Leonardo. have reunited, with will be hoping to finish his which demands selflessness and James Cracknell, Steve Redgrave. Marco Penna added. suppresses individualism, yet Tim Foster and Matthew Pinsent. Britain's coxless p suppresses individualism, yet-Redgrave's Olympic odyssey into middle age has captured the imagination in a way that has taken the sport out of its natural constit-

Foster found, to his embarrassment and surprise, that he was recognised when he went to collect his contact lenses from the local optician. Cracknell admitted, with mixture of bashfulness and ewilderment, that he is becoming ccustomed to signing autographs or the first time in his life.

"I am trying to pull them back to ality." Redgrave said with a nirk. The pressure on them is pion crew. Rossi, Molea and

Michael Calvin on how the Great Britain coxless four is pulling together in readiness for the world rowing championships

going to be pretty intense over the next week. They are going to be asking themselves: Can I become a world champion? Matt and I are going to be asking ourselves: 'Can we do it again? There is a big difference in those questions and the significance of the answers."

Yet this, intrinsically, is why he returned to the hairshirt rituals of dawn alarm calls and uniquely punishing sessions in a tiny gymnasium, suffused by stale sweat, the pungent aroma of untrammelled ambition. There are still days when he hates himself for his obsessional pursuit of perfection. but there are others, such as yesterday, when he is intrigued by the private agonies of expectation.

His mind is set and his body is

unbeaten since its formation in

April and already World Cup

champions this year, spearhead a

19-boat - ten men's and nine

women's crews - team in the

world championships (Mike

However, France and Italy have

more than accepted the challenge

of confronting, in the words of

FISA, the international governing body, "the British Dream Team".

The French have re-formed their

1996 Olympic silver medal-win-

ning crew, while three from the

Italian 1994 and 1995 world cham-

altitude, for three weeks. Now they have a reassuring sense of continual fatigue that, perversely, is a persuasive indication that they have tapered to peak fitness. Redgrave and Pinsent were the

perfect pair, an unbeatable blend of strength and smoothness, aggression and technique. The nature of their work gave the relationship a powerful intimacy. This year two new people, two new personalities. have had to be taken into account. We are not as close as we were before," Redgrave admitted. Pinsent nodded solemnly, and added: "To an extent our relationship has been defused. We are in the unknown and, deep down, that's why we are doing this."

It has been a voyage of mutual giving off all the right signs. They have been away from Britain, at be brought to the surface by competitive tension and Redgrave is used to Pinsent retreating into himself before an important race, when he refuses to eat and tries to sleep. In similar circumstances, Cracknell can be found in a corner, mesmerised by the techno-thrash of the latest Prodigy album on his personal stereo.

Foster, who is attempting to return to Oxford University to take a Masters degree in psychology, is a different animal. "A space cadet." Pinsent observed. So laid-back he's horizontal." But there is steel there. Foster's Olympic bronze is a campaign medal, a symbol of his survival of a turbulent team built around the Searle brothers.

He treats the casual callousness of celebrity with equanimity and is unmoved by the type of slights crystallised by a magazine headline

France and Italy take up challenge

international employment on a high before taking over as Ox-ford's coach. His lightweight

eight, winners at Henley, took

silver at Munich and Lucerne and

Britain's coxless pair of Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, joint top in the World Cup placings with Lithuania after taking silver medals in Munich, Paris and Lucerne, must overcome Croatia, who beat Britain in Munich, and the surprise reappearance of Rolland and Andrieux, of France, Olympic bronze medal-

winners in Atlanta. Greg Searle, the Henley winner and British record-holder in his first year in top-ranking sculling. Canada's Olympic silver

medal-winner, Derek Porter. Sean Bowden, the chief coach for the British men's lightweights.

bronze in Paris, but Australia look the golden crew. Medals are not beyond the coxless pair of Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop. Mike Spracklen, the women's chief coach, has the

bonus of the coxless four, which won gold at Lucerne. The crew includes Alex Beever, Libby Henshilwood and Sue Walker, members of the 1994 England Commonwealth Games eight. which won bronze, and Lisa Evre. a former athlete.

that purported to tell the tale of "Redgrave, Pinsent and two other blokes". He smiled at the memory and said: "The hype's not that bad, really. I don't feel twice as strong,

twice as alert, just because of who I

am rowing with. But I know this

week is going to be our biggest

The principals in the team are sensitive to the dangers of instant judgments, preconceived notions. But above all they are realists. "We live in a what-have-you-done-forme-lately world," Pinsent said. "It is inevitable that, as Olympic champions, the onus will continue to be on us. This team is evolving, but the only real way we will be accepted as a four is to win in

The Millennium Olympics are, to most, still a mirage, but to Redgrave, who will be seeking an unprecedented tenth leading championship title here, they have a chilling clarity. His mental preparation for the Olympic final in 2000 began the instant that he decided his life needed the focal point offered by his

This world championship is just a stepping stone, a form guide to what is going to happen in three years' time," he insisted. "To an amateur athlete, the Olympics are the ultimate. They are the only reason to go on. That was a big decision for me, but really every thing has panned out as expected. The only thing I want to do here is prove to myself what I am capable of achieving."
With that, he wandered off, to

prepare the boat for another training session. The sun was lower and the colours from the hillside were richer, but the style, as they eased out towards the centre of the lake, was still the same. It was human harmony, poetry in motion. A set of champions in action.

Three will share taste of summer

AND so the long summer comes to an end. Our revels are all ended. The spiritual Ashes remain as ever in Australia, as the physical Ashes stay at Lord's. The year is turning but wait! There is one further rite of summer to be enacted before the panama is once again consigned to the hat-rack of history. The Nicolas Feuillatte Shan Warne Fizzometer has finally come to rest at the figure of 24.

Before the summer began, I asked the faithful readers of this column to predict the number of Test-match wickets that Warne would take in the course of it. Old Fatface was back, aka the Portly Sadist, the blood of the readership was stirred by the challenge and shaken by the prize on offer of the ambrosial Nicolas Feuiliane champaene.

Three readers hit the bullseye of 24, three more had 25 and yet another three 23. Congratulations and greetings and also a magnum of the aforementioned fizz, to the bullseye-hitters, these being Geoff Bennett Rory Brockbank and Norman Philpot. Greetings and lukewarm congratulations, and also a normal-sized bottle of champagne, to the near-missers — C Howard, A.C. Cooke, Richard Stenning, V.R. Cadman, Irene Brennan and Jasper Sabey.

Many thanks and commiserations to everbody else who entered. especially to the gentleman who predicted that the Fizzometer would come to rest at 77. Farewell

Oh dear, Diego

When it comes to self-inflicted wounds, then Diego is a self-made Saint Sebastian. Diego was, last Sunday, taking part in Boca Juniors' 4-2 defeat of Argentinos Juniors: afterwards, he was asked to submit to a drugs test. Naturally, he was bitter about the indignity, but he was not worried, he said He had taken a drugs test of his own volition that morning and had tested negative. Alas, his confidence was misplaced. Traces of cocaine were found in the urine: it was the third time that he has failed a drugs test. Mauricio Macri, the Boca president, said: Maradona has failed himself more than the Boca team."

Cost of living

When Kevin Garnet was offered \$103.5 million to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves, it was a record offer. It now stands as a new record: the highest-ever refusal. Garnet would have made \$210,000 a game, which is not bad,



SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

but not good enough. After all. Garnet is 20 and people that age tend to have expenses to meet.

Out of synch

The loneliness of the long-distance runner has nothing on the problem of the alienation of the male synchronised swimmer. Bill Mav. one of two male synchro swim-mers in the United States, has been making waves. He began his competitive career two years ago and was regarded as a joke -- but now he is getting rather too good for the sport's comfort. He is, in fact, redefining it. by adding the ele-ment of power. "He looks like a hurricane in the pool," Linda Witter, the Ohio state coach, said. Donn Squire, an official, said: "I don't think the synchronised swimming community likes him being here. He's breaking down a lot of barriers that people don't want broken." Sports Illustrated points out that, while he was scoring 89, other top performers were getting scores in the mid-nineties. Life is always hard for the trail-blazers.

Book of woe

The strange, rather sad and very bitter row in cricket magazines continues. David Frith, Anglo-Aussie, former editor of The Cricketer magazine and founder as well as former editor of Wisden Cricket Monthly, has written a book, Caught England, Bowled Austra-lia: A Cricket Slave's Complex Story. Both magazines have declined to review the book, which represents something of a windouble - the book is critical of both mags. Frith, who called the challenge that his book represents to WCM as "a test of their manhood", has now resigned as the magazine's obituaries editor the consolation prize he was given when removed as editor - and will not now write for them on any other topic. WCM says it will not

Mistaken identity

be drawn into a slanging match.

The Brazilian team, Botafogo, have been touring Spain and getting some disappointing resuits. It turns out that they have an excuse - they are imposters. They were beaten 6-0 by Salamanca. lost 2-0 against Logrones, of the second division, and scraped a 2-2 draw with the third division club, Lorca. Then it was discovered that the real Botafogo had not actually left Brazil. The phoney Botafogo have vanished into the night.

Daunting Lady appeals

Rosewell writes).

By OUR RACING STAFF

WELVE two-year-olds attempt to give Britain fifth victory in eight runnings of the attersalls Breeders Stakes at the Curragh aday. The IrE150,000 event is restricted to orses bought at last September's Tattersalls airyhouse Sales.

Richard Hannon, successful last year with liss Stamper, runs Daunting Lady and Anoter Fantasy. Hannon has also sent out Key To Million, Pelham and Veuve Hoornaert to be laced in the last three runnings. Mick harmon, who won with Affair Of State in 1991, represented by Honey Storm and Stately

Aidan O'Brien fields six of the 30 runners as tries to add to his victory with No Animosity or years ago. Hermitage Bay, who is inkered for the first time, could emerge as the est of the home team.

However, Hannon could have the last word ith Danning Lady, who won her first two arts then finished third to Nadwah in the ueen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. The oking of the outstanding Michael Kinane

so catches the eye.

O'Brien accounts for three of the eight mners in the group three Futurity Stakes --npressionist, Lighting Star and Sideman. The o British challengers are Fruits Of Love. ained by Mark Johnston, and Krispy Knight

CHIRPAGH FIFT IN

ord Of Men leads Deauville team ORD OF MEN, trained by is unbeaten in his last six team up again with Wood-

hn Gosden and ridden by ankie Dettori. Camporese eter Chapple-Hyam - Olivi-Peslier) and Taipan (John mlop - Pat Eddery) can mplete a British clean eep in the group three 5,117 Grand Prix de Deaule Lancel over 1 2 miles at auville tomorrow. They * just one local rival. iquette Head's L'Africain u (Olivier Doleuze), who a beaten in listed company t time out. ord Of Men. who missed

t season because of injury.

starts. He will be attempting to score a swift double at the track, having made all to land the group three Prix Guiliaume d'Ornano over ten furlongs two weeks ago.

Taipan and Camporese will relish the testing ground. Taipan has not run since finishing a creditable third to Shanton in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarker. while Camporese disappointed in the Lancashire Oaks but had earlier landed the group three Prix Corrida in Lyon. Pesher and Chapple Hyam

land Melody, among a field of six for the group three Prix du Calvados over seven furlongs. Woodland Melody retained her unbeaten record with a last-stride win in a listed race at Sandown last month.

Criqueste Head's Pas De Reponse (Doleuze) runs for the first time since taking fourth in the 1,000 Guineas when she contests the group three Prix de Meautry over six furiongs. Joe Naughton's Hever Golf Rose and Richard Hannon's Brave Edge are in

RIPON

THUNDERER 2.30 Cease Fire. 3.00 Karinska. 3.35 Summertill Special. 4.05 Salamanca. 4.40 Bina Gardens. 5.10 Rock Symphony.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Arietty.

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🔲 Richard Hannon and Dane O'Neill go for a double at Baden-Baden tomorrow, Sir Talbot tackles the group three Furstenberg-Rennen (Im 3f) and Chips runs in the listed Kronimus Rennen (7f 110yd).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park Going: good to soft

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2.00 (5t 5yd) 1, HiGH CARRY /C Lowther,
7-1); 2, Supreme Angel (M Henry, 10-1);
3, Fast Tempo (R Hills, 10-1); ALSO RAN;
9-2 lav Dancing toon, 5 Bound To Please,
(4th), 6 Itelian Rose (Sth); 7 Means,
Business, 8 Going Places, 14 Factle,
Tigre, 20 Satis, Silent Pride (6th), 11 ran
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2.35 (1m 21 7yd), 1 SHASKA II. Dehon, 4-

CSP* (188-50. Inteats Usas) 2.25 (1m 21 yd) 1. SHASNA (I. Dehon. 4-6 lav), 2. Curzon Streel (A Procter, 7-2). Dovedon Star (J. Reld, 5-2). ALSO FAN 40 Snowcap (5th), 66 Spir Lady (4th) 5 ran 11, 1¼1, 111, 131, J Gooden et Newmarket, Tote 5: 50; £1,10, £2 00 DF, £2,60. CSF £3.41

23 00, C1.80 DF C18 90 CSF 236.06
4.10 (2m 78/90) 1, SEGE PERIL, DUS (L.
Detton, 9-3); 2, Courbaril (K Fallon, 11-1),
3, Priviste Fodure (Psul Eddery, 16-1),
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Indigo Dawn, 6
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Time (4th), Senous Trust, 12 Zafarelli, 16
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4.45 / Im 11) 1, AZORES (I. Detron, 100-30); 2, Beryllium (Dane O'Nell, 14-1); 3. Merciless Cop (M. Tebbutt, 7-11, ALSO RAN: 9-4 law Merciless Prince (4th), 7-2 All In Lesther, 12 Orontes, 16 Bright Fountain (8th), Tulsa (5th), 25 Inhavell, Reeds, 66 Miskin Heights, Cashbook Rose, 12 ran H. 3-1, No. 8 th, 41. P. Cole at Whatcombe, Tote C3 90; 51 70 53 90, 52 50. DF 551.50. This: 561.20 CSF: \$46.61

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5.20 (St. Byell 1, SWEET MAGIC IM Roberts, 11-2), 2, Tinker Cornastion (J. Ourn. 5-1 kay), 3, At Large (N. Day, 12-1), ALSO FAN: 11-2 Runs in the Femily, 13-2 Helf Tone (5th), 15-2 Corniche Quest (6th), 8 Berranak (4th), Bateman, 14 Juces, Songsheet, 25 Mutasawwar, 50 Threeplay 12 ran. Kt. Ind. 154, Ink, Ind. Phowling at Godelman, Tole: 06-50, £1-90, £1-90, £1-90, £1-70 Jackpot not won (pool of £30,852.00 carried forward to Sandown today).

Chester

Gaing: good to soft Conng. good to soll 2.10 (Im. 21 75yd) 1, Rasayel IA McCarthy, 12-11, 2 Wentbridge Lad (9-2) 3, Sagebrush Roller (10-1) Pontis Sophie 7-2 tav 9 ran NR Shahê 29-1, 31 P Evans Tote £14.20: £270.£1.80.£2,40 DF, £27,10 Trio 111635 (1466.5) 2.45 (7) 2yd) 1. O'Kelly (P. Bloomleld, 16-1), 2. Guaranteed (9-4 fav), 3. Un The Offer (9-2), 8 ran 1 NL, 71, R. Guest, Tota 526.10, 13.80, 51.20, 51.30, DF 548.70, CSF 547.76

CSF 547 76 3.15 (71 2yd) 1. Highborn (D Sweeney 12-11, 2. Concer Un (9-4 lay), 3. O Factor (14-1), 13 ran Hd, 1 yl P Felyare Tote E16 50, E4 70, C1 50, E5 00 DF, E15 80 Trac £145.30 CSF, E36 70 Tracsi E382 99

3.50 (6) 18yd) 1. Socket Set (J Fortune, 10-11 fav); 2. Heavenly Abstone (11-2), 3, Salsette (11-2), 6. fran NR. Cloudberry Na., 51 B McManon Tote £1 90 £1 50 £2 60 DF £4.20 CSF £6 10

12.2 dt Ur 54.20 CSF 56 10
4.20 (1m 71 195yd) 1. Viold Romera (D. Holland, 4-1), 2. Draib (7-2 pi-law), 3. Suga Hawf (10-1) Tilloy 7-2 pi-law, 7 ran NR Rev Mundi 31 101 M Johnston, Tote 54 50, 52.50, 52.20 DF 57 90 CSF 513 34. Tincast 58.2 42 Rex Mundi (7-1) was withdrawn — rule 4 applies; deduct 10p in pound.

10p in pound.
4.55 (1m 27 75yd) 1, Yabint El Suttan (Fl. Finench, 13-2); 2, My Valentina (11-2), 3, Brandon Jack (6-1) Kamarnev 7-2 lav 10 ran 41, 21 B McMahon, Tote £7 60; 21 70 (22 60, 52 00) DF 543 40 Tho 654 10 CSF 539.97 Tritast 5210 65.

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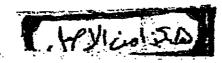
Going: good to firm (good in places) 2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1. Pride Of Rashmir (3 Tormey, 11-10 lav), 2. Four From Home (14-1), 3. Cottstown Boy (9-27 7 ran. 8f. 1½), P. Hobbs, Tote £1 50, £1 50 53 00 DF £11 30 CSF £14 98 2.55 (2m ch) 1, Amiah (8 Powell, 1-4 lav), 2. Holders Hill (4-1), 3. Blue Chequer (20-1), 3 ran 5, 4L P Hobbs Tote £1 20 DF, 21 10 CSE 51 46 \$1.10. CSF, £1.46.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Rusty Blade (R Johnson, 12-1), 2, Stotametique (11-4), 3, Tough Test (2-1 lav), 5 ran, 3, 17t, P Monteith, Tole £10,20, £2.10, £1.60, DF £8.60, CSF £39.70

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Vintage Red (A Doubin, 7-2), 2, Ffinllock (3-1); 3, Thisonestoralize (3-4 fav.), 6 ran Nh., dist. G Richards True, £4 90, £2 10, £1 90 DF £4.20, CSF £11 84, No bid for the

4.30 (2m 4i 110yd chi 1, Saxon Mead (8 Powell, 9-2), 2, Tony s Feelings (12-1); 3, Paparaczo (3-1) Monkey Wench 5-2 tay, 7 ran 1, 134, P Hobbs, Tote, 52 80, 52 90, 54 10, DF 250 50 CSF 243 50 5.06 (3m 110yd hdle) 1. Good Hand (R Johnson 8-11 lav): 2. Chill Wind (11-4) 3. Pengy Gordon (7-2) 4 ran 144, 11 S. kettievelt Tote £1.70 DF £2.60 CSF £3.12

Placepot: £1,234.50.Quadpot: £188.10. | Placepot: £83.20. | Quadpot: £63.10.



England look towards World Cup as captaincy is split



ven as Michael Atherton with the air of a man who has his favourite main course back on the menu and is no longer bothered the captaincy of England, he was also coming to terms with the fact that one significant part of the job will no longer be his. Very soon now. indeed. England will have not one captain, but two.

The second man will actually lead England in their next engagement, the Champions' Trophy oneday tournament in Sharjah in December. "That." Atherton said philosophically. "is the start of the medium-term planning for the next World Cup."

Was he concerned at the prospect of being sidelined from future oneday cricket? 'That is the way the selectors will go," he said. "I am happy with that." It was spoken about the dessert. What it meant, however, was that Atherton will hereafter be only a Test-match

The one-day captain has not yet been identified, though plainly the favourite candidate is Adam Hollioake, who has led Surrey with verve this season. If his youth or inexperience is considered a deterrent, then it will go to Alec Stewart. who was destined to take over the full captaincy if Atherton had stood

When the selectors decide - and they have a provisional meeting in Birmingham tomorrow before finalising their thoughts on September 8 - they will be thinking Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, believes extra burden may have proved too much for one man

much farther ahead than Decem-ber. England will stage the World Cup in the early summer of 1999. Much of the marketing momentum of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is being mobilised behind this competition and winning it - a more reasonable ambition than many might think -would generate incalculable inter-

est and revenue for the game. The man in charge on the field, therefore, is rather more than a negligible sidekick for Atherton. If not an equal partner, he is a man with considerable responsibilities that are likely to increase with each passing year. It is for this very reason that he is necessary. The job has become too big for one man.

Only last week, Australia announced that they would go down the same road. Mark Taylor is indisputably the right man to continue as their Test captain, but a younger one day leader will soon be identified. This decision, indeed, may lift any pressure on Taylor to bring forward his retirement, as it separates him from an aspect of the game to which he is no longer well

Atherton's decisions, therefore, are to be welcomed on two counts.

Like Taylor, he remains demonstrably the correct leader for Test cricket the part of the game that drives him, but it is in his own interests, and those of the team, that he has effectively stood down from one day duties.

In the past, Atherton has been keen to argue his credentials for limited-overs cricket on the basis of an impressive batting record. This has not applied in the past 18 months, however, and while his instinct has remained that the job should not be split in two, his meeting with David Gravency on Thursday evening reached mutual agreement that it would happen forthwith.

Graveney, who has shared Atherton's reluctance on this issue, has reconsidered on various levels. Atherton fresh and enthusiastic which this division may help achieve, but it is also now essential that England devote more specialised attention to their one-day

Their last World Cup campaign was a shambles and, while Atherton himself could not entirely be blamed, the consensus that a different style of leadership is preferable in such competitions has grown

with time. "Dividing the jobs up is the best way to go." Graveney said yester-day. "It is a policy that takes some getting used to, but, in this respect, I think it is just like a two-division county championship. In five years from now, everyone will think it was the most natural progression."

CRICKET

Tidy Watkin reaps a rich harvest

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

LEICESTER (third day of four): Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 118 runs ahead of Leicestershire

AFTER fears about the lethal potential of Waqar Younis had proved unfounded, the Leicestershire batsmen were undone by his new-ball partner. Steven Watkin, one of the forgotten players of the first-class

Warkin, 32, exploiting an awkward pitch, returned seven for 41, the second-best figures of his 12-year career. He was rewarded for keeping a tidy line and length when bowling downwind from the Bennett End. from which the last nine Leicestershire wickets fell. Watkin, who played three times for England between 1991 and 1993, had not taken five wickets in an innings for two years.

He said later that waiting so long for an impressive return had been preying on his mind and that the pitch was the most helpful he had encoun- and Neil Johnson, with bat tered this year.

day as Glamorean built on a useful first-innings lead of 51 with a strong sense of purpose belitting their status as championship leaders before the present round of matches.

Watkin used the strong wind admirably after initially bowling into it and having Vince Wells caught at the wicket down the leg side. Other batting misadventures followed, although Darren Maddy, driving Waqar, edged an express ball to Adrian Shaw, lain Sutcliffe was bowled by a ball from Watkin. which cut back sharply and James Whitaker, Leicestershire's most notable perform-

er, was leg-before to a quicker ball from Robert Croft.

Whitaker had made a halfcentury from 92 bails in a circumspect innings. Waqar suffered from the Leicestershire captain's most aggressive moments as he reached fifty, with a pull shot, swiftly followed by a whiplash hook.

A year ago. Leicestershire were on their way to the championship, but this time, Glamorgan's own credentials were obvious. Their catching was flawless, with Hugh Morris taking two at third slip to supplement three earlier ones

Croft was at his miserly best and Dean Cosker, slow leftarm, continued to make a favourable impression. Waqar, expensive by his standards, still hustled the ball through, but Leicestershire concentrated their minds.

The cosy notion that it was a relief to face Watkin was misguided. Ben Smith, pushing forward, was bowled by the fourth delivery he faced. away from his body. dragged hall on

stumps. Dominic Williamson was bowled by the first ball of Watkin's third spell, his previous ones yielding one for 13 in four overs and, more potently. three for 18 from nine.

Williamson, 2l. Durhamborn, will reflect on his championship debut with pride. His medium pace brought three for 19 in Glamorgan's first innings before he had Stephen James well caught at second slip. Wells induced Adrian Dale to play on and Michael Powell was leg-before, second hall, to inject further piquancy to the



Halsall, of Eastbourne, man of the match in the club knockout final, flicks a ball from Houseman to square leg

Eastbourne give lift to Sussex spirits

By DEREK HODGSON

LORD'S (Harrogate won toss): Eastbourne beat Harrogate by nine wickets

Yorkshire League champions, were sent packing up the M1 with their tails between their legs after a one-sided final of the Abbot Ale Cup at Lord's yesterday. Eastbourne beat them by nine wickets with 14.1 overs to spare in a

45-over match. lan Houseman, of Harrogate, is not the first captain to make the error of batting first in a Lord's final in late summer. The pitch looked dry enough but there must have been enough moisture for the ball to seam a little and these conditions, and a crosswind, were used well by Eastbourne's opening

bowlers, Roger Myall and Paul Hacker.

Hacker's little wobblers mystified Harrogate's batsmen to such an extent that when Myall dived to take a return catch, the first three wickets had gone for 37 in 17 overs, despite the closeness of the Mound Stand boundary. Eastbourne supported

real error in the whole innings, when David Pipe, on. 15, was dropped off a skyer. When Harrogate did try to accelerate they were puzzled by the flight of Geoff Stevens. They also suffered a run-out and a dazzling stumping. But for 44 from Simon Kiopax.

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and P Hacker did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-135
SOWLING: Button 4-1-27-0: Housen
9-0-52-0; Kippax 8-5-2-27-1, Smart 3
31-0; Hepworth 6-0-20-0
Man of the match: R Haisall.
Umores: K Hopley and A B Bloodworth

their bowlers with electric they would have struggled for fielding, making only one three figures. Even their recovery from 84 for six to 158 all out, was helped by the long spells Alex Halliday had rightly given his opening

> Richard Halsall and Peter Stevens, by contrast, found both bowling and pitch favourable when Eastbourne batted. Each hit a six and thumped fours merrily while adding 135 off 27 overs before Stevens (one of four of that name in the team) skied to long on. Halsall, who finished 82 not out, was named man of the match.

All that was needed to complete a great day for south coast cricket was a silver band to play "Sussex by the Sea". If conditions are similar for the NatWest Trophy final, there is unlikely to be a late linish.

Astle puts stamp on intriguing encounter

BRISTOL (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 166 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

A BRILLIANT all-round display by Nathan Astle threatened to take a hard-fought game quickly out of Gloucestershire's reach at Bristol yesterday. But having suffered while the New Zealander took five for 46 with his mediumpaced swingers, then watched helplessly as with effortless straight driving he hit 39 off 41 balls, Gloucestershire dismissed him in the nick of time and lived to fight another day.

Nottinghamshire, 81 ahead at 49 for two before Astle drove Jon Lewis low to extra cover, lost two more wickets in the final 95 minutes - both to David Lawrence in his first match for three months - to set the scene for a final day

of the morning, stretching

Astle was helped to his best analysis in England by a stunning catch by Bowen, at forward square leg, who hurled himself to his right to hold a well-hit drive by Young. Trainor took one to match, or even better it, early in the Nottinghamshire innings, diving left at extra cover to catch a

Boon cuts deep into Durham's bonus

By JOHN THICKNESSE

that could go either way.

their stand to 95.

But they had to work for every run. Young batting 120 minutes for his 56 and Alleyne 183 minutes for 71. Astle, however, from the moment he straight drove his third ball for four, seemed unstoppable. The six and six of the seven fours his inning contained came off Lewis and, remarkably, all were caressed to the area of the sightscreen. It was a lovely piece of batting.

skimming drive by Robinson

NORTHAMPTON (third day

On a pitch requiring patient application by both the bowlers and the baismen. Shaun Young and Mark Alleyne did a critical job for Gloucestershire by staying together for the first 90 minutes

of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wick-ets in hand, are 180 runs behind Durham NORTHAMPTONSHIRE have had plenty of time to study David Boon. For nearly

five hours yesterday the Durham captain responded to every ball as though his life rested upon the outcome. It will become apparent today whether the home side has absorbed a lesson in concentration.

On a pitch of capricious bounce. Boon eschewed all risk. His two sixes against the off spin of Brown were controlled strokes over mid-wicket and most of his 13 fours were cut along the ground through cover point. Durham duly accumulated full batting points for the first time since May last year.

He received able support from Hutton during a third-wicket stand of 103. The partnership promised more, but Hutton, with 13 fours in his resolute 95, fell leg-before to a ball from Davies that skidded through low. Morris was caught behind sweeping and Weston misjudged a short ball, the first of five wickets for Mohammad Akram.

Boon completed his hundred from 224 balls and had reached 117, the highest of his three centuries this season. when he followed Akram down the leg side in the first over after tea. The flamboyant Cox took the total past 350.

The season cannot end soon enough for Northamptonshire. They appeared dispirit-ed and members are unhappy at an alarmingly sharp decline. One has voted for the groundsman's dog in a player-of-the-year poll. They began the second innings 232 behind but could not have imagined that Betts, their bane on Thursday, would prove so accommodating. His four overs cost 40 runs. Brown, in contrast, began with eight successive maidens.

Hegg responds in Lancashire's hour of need

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Yorkshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs ahead of

THERE was good news and bad news for Lancashire vesterday. The good news was that they completed a convincing innings victory over Yorkshire in the Roses match; the bad news was that it was in the second XI game in Bradford and not at Old Trafford where they continued to play second-best to their rivals.

Strangely, however, after batting like a demob-happy prep school team, they may yet win this match, thanks to Warren Hegg, their wicketkeeper, whose 50 not out took them past the follow-on mark of 270 and ensured that Yorkshire will have

McGrath thrashed 76 from 51 balls, with four sixes and six fours, to quickly extend

Hegg, who seems to relish a crisis, has steered Lancashire to victory this season over Worcestershire, with an unbeaten 54.

to set a target this morning to keep their title hopes alive.
At least Yorkshire will start on top after

and over Warwickshire against a rampant Allan Donald. Yesterday, after the morning session

had been washed out, he came in at 183 for six and eked out his fourth halfcentury of the season, sharing a gritty, unbroken, ninth-wicket partnership of 55 with Richard Green.

Lloyd became the first Lancashire batsman to reach his 1,000 runs for the season when he had made 44, but was bowled immediately afterwards. Jason Gallian was fined £250 and severely reorimanded for knocking out his stumps after he was dismissed on Thursday.

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 243 runs behind Surrey

SURREY'S batsmen, stroke players almost to a man, were too much for Sussex yesterday. Graham Thorpe made his first championship century of the season, Adam Hollicake struck 87 off 57 balls and Mark Butcher's innings of 61 included any number of pleasing shots. lan Salisbury then took four wickets without conceding a run.

This is an alarmingly one-sided contest. Indeed, so confident of victory were Surrey that they chose to make Sussex bat for 13 overs in the evening rather than building an even more substantial lead. They were 263 runs ahead when the declaration was made. Salisbury, return-ing to the ground on which he made his name, had Peirce and Taylor leg-before. followed by having Edwards and Kirtley, the two nightwatchmen, caught close to the wicket.

Thorpe inspires Surrey in one-sided affair

Sussex, 102 for seven overnight, were bowled out for 137. Lewis taking five wickets for the first time this season. All that can be said is that he made considerably more of such movement and bounce as there was than did any of the Sussex bowlers. With the exception of Ratcliffe, who was beaten on the back foot by Robinson, every Surrey batsman gave his wicket away. Stewart and Butcher both cut short

balls to cover point. Brown, the

Hollioakes and Lewis were all out looking

to add further runs as quickly as possible.

This scarcely mattered, for Surrey looked

by the time they declared, to have quite

enough. Thorpe's century came off 135

balls, including II fours and a six.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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THERE was some stirring batting yesterday on a good pitch at Portsmouth, where Kent made an impeccable reply to the Hampshire first innings of 406. Ed Smith and David Fulton combined in their county's first century opening partnership of the season and went way beyond that. But with only one day remaining, the game is drift-

ing towards a draw.
Bat dominated ball to such an extent yesterday that only the unlikely combination of fine weather and a last minute, as yet unsignalled, understanding between the captains, seems likely to pro-

duce a result. As it is, Smith's first championship century and an opening partnership of 170 for Kent between two products of the Sevenoaks Vine club — while a pleasant enough event for Kent supporters, must leave them wondering about prospects for the county chamnionship.

The pitch has dried out. It is a beauty to bat on and Smith and Fulton were duly grateful to be taking strike after 212 days of running backwards and forwards from the pavil-ion while Hampshire occupied the crease.

Only after the Hampshire tail had wagged ferociously, and Shaun Udai had come within an ace of his second century of the season, did they at last get their turn.

By the time Smith gave Renshaw a return catch, the young man who had scored prolifically for Cambridge University earlier in the season but had made only one half-century for Kent, had passed his 100 from 157 balls. having struck 16 fours, and left his partner some distance in

Hampshire had completed their innings in fine style. Not match go from here? only did the last five batsmen more than double the score.

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time. When they were all out, 50 minutes after lunch, they had taken the score from 210 for five overnight to 406 and Kent were binerly regretting

asking them to bat first. Kent had been comparative-ly sanguine when Phillips first caused the doughty Aymes to play on and then brought Stephenson's notable innings to an end with the second new ball. Stephenson's 76 included 13 fours, scored with equal facility off front foot and back. between periods of watchful defence.

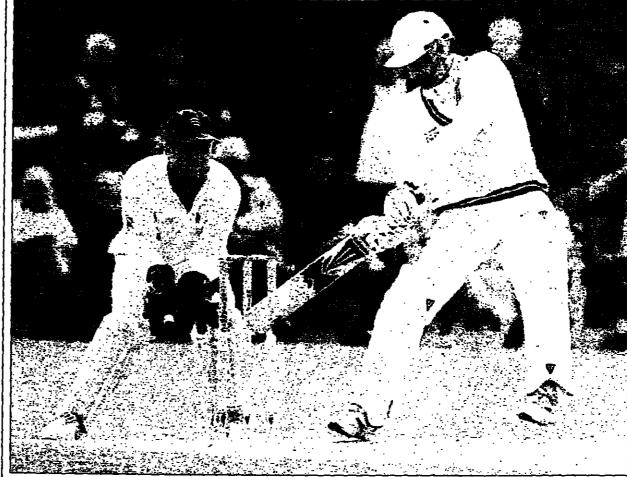
The Hampshire innings appeared to be drawing swiftly to a close when Savident fell to a tumbling cauch in the gully by Ealham - there can be no more wholehearted cricketer playing in England today. At 279 for eight, Hampshire seemed all but done for - but we had reckoned without Udal and Renshaw.

Udal had already scored a century against Warwickshire this season and not many overs had gone before it became plain that there was another on the cards. A hard chance to second slip went to earth when he had made 19, but he rode his luck while Renshaw gave robust support at the other end.

Just before lunch, Udal reached his half-century from 72 balls with his eighth four. His impudent strokeplay thereafter caused Headley to lose his rag as well as his line and length. At the same time, Strang came in for crisp punishment from both batsmen as Renshaw unfolded more batting talent than could reasonably be expected from a

Udal had raced from 50 to 91 in just 24 balls when that strong workhorse, Phillips, had him caught at mid-on after the ninth Hampshire wicket had yielded 113 runs from 20 overs. The day's play produced runs at nearly five an over and the question remains: where does the

With a forecast of rain moving in from the west, there



Brown, the wicketkeeper, looks on as Leatherdale attempts to score another boundary in his innings yesterday

Bowlers suffer on benign surface

By PAT GIBSON

KIDDERMINSTER (third day of four): Middlesex, with nine second-innings wickers in hand, are 207 runs ahead of Worcestershire

THIS has turned into a completely different game from the one that they were playing on the first two days. The Kidderminster pitch, which had been so helpful to the seam bowlers, reverted to its normal, benign self yesterday. leaving Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, with no option but to settle for a run chase in the attempt to preserve his side's championship ambitions.

It was as much as he could have hoped for in the morning. Worcestershire, with six wickets left, were still 162 runs behind and everything that had gone before suggested that they would struggle to manufacture any chance of victory after the loss of almost an entire day to rain.

In the event, they had relatively few problems. The green tinge had gone from the pitch under the effects of the wind and the sun, the Middlesex bowlers had lost their nip and but they did it in double quick may be no need for an answer. David Leatherdale and Steve

Rhodes were able to put on 112 in 31 overs before Moody declared one run behind.

The only wicker to fall was that of Haynes, who had helped Leatherdale to put on 69 for the fifth wicket when he was bowled by a ball of full length from Hewitt, easily the most demanding of the Mid-dlesex bowlers. The rest were treated almost contemptuously by Leatherdale and Rhodes, whose highlight was lifting Tufnell over long on for six.

Leatherdale had struck 14 fours and was within 12 runs of his third century of the season when the declaration came, while Rhodes had hit five fours as well as his six in his unbeaten 59.

Then it was the turn of the Worcestershire bowlers to suffer. Pooley provided them with only the second wicket to fall day when he drove Sheriyar's second ball straight to extra cover, but Kallis and Ramprakash filled their boots in an unbroken second wicket partnership of 205. Kallis completed his hundred off 146 balls with no fewer than 20 fours and Ramprakash reached a more sedate 72 off 163 balls, with ten fours.

Essex overwhelmed in Lord's rehearsal

BY SIMON WILDE

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Warwickshire (21pts) beat Essex (4) by eight wickets

THIS was a pitiful performance by Essex, who began the day with plenty to play for and finished it roundly beaten by the team they will face, with some trepidation, in the NatWest Trophy final a week today. The game finished with a day to spare; had 102.5 overs not been lost, it would have been over in two.

Having conceded a firstinnings deficit of 59. Essex then produced some astonishingly slapdash batting to be all out for 101, their lowest total since their humiliation in last year's September final, when they were routed for 57 by Lancashire. That Lord's pitch was capricious, this Chelmsford one merely testing: in short, they had only

themselves to blame. Warwickshire's win was, however, spoilt by an injury to Moles, who has partially ruptured an Achilles tendon and will play no further nart in the

season. Starting their second inimmediately in trouble, losing ets in four balls.

Under-19 batsmen performed

to eclipse their opponents first-

- they were dismissed inside 50 overs - they still managed

Hodgson, driving ambitiously, in Donald's second over and Robinson and Stuart Law

 slashing at his second ball in Brown's second. They were then one for three. Hussain and Grayson dug in. before Welch cut one back and had the Essex acting captain leg-before. Hussain adjusted his pad before departing, in time to listen to Atherton's broadcast.

Grayson drilled a full toss to cover and Danny Law made an ungainly heave and was leg-before to Giles, at which point Essex were 42 for six and dead and buried. Rollins and Flanagan restored some respectability with a stand of 29 - Flanagan's composure in both innings was the only encouraging aspect to the game for

By mopping up the tail, Donald finished with spectacular match figures of 30.5-13-57-8 to add to his contribution with the bat, His stand of 46 with Penney, who batted skilfully for 210 minutes for an unbeaten 77, restored Warwickshire's advantage after nings after lunch. Essex were Such had claimed three wick-

In the morning, the visitors

added 28 to their overnight

score while Paul Franks, Not-

tinghamshire's talented and

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

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Derbyshire rush to beat the rain | Marillier alters balance of power

By JOHN STERN

DERBY (third day of four): Derbyshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Somerset by 169 runs

DERBYSHIRE have had a desperate season, so the sight of Dominic Cork striding out. to the wicket after Somerset's declaration 72 runs behind was a clear indication of their. desire to press on to try to record only their second championship victory.

Adrian Rollins's injury left Derbyshire with a hole at the too of the order and Cork was keen to oblige. In making an unbeaten 55, his first fifty of belligerence one would expect. After the loss of Michael May, reaching for too wide a delivery for the second time in the match, Tim Tweats kept Cork company as the home side set about constructing a total for the visitors to chase today.

After a 90-minute delay because of heavy rain. Cork made an early impression with the ball by having both openers caught at the wicket. Simon Ecclestone, Somerset's acting captain, made a hectic 24 before being stumped as he came down the wicket to offspinner Simon Lacey. At 85 for lour. Somerset

common sense as well as the were in trouble and Derbyshire had the opportunity to take control of a match blighted by the weather. But Marcus Trescothick hooked Devon Malcolm for a six and a four to long leg during an aggressive half-century, his third in the championship this season, off 55 balls.

Michael Burns drove Matthew Cassar for three to reach his fifty off 56 balls and raise the century stand. The following ball he was bowled by Lacey and Ecclestone declared soon after tea with Trescothick unbeaten on 83, his highest score of the season, and Somerset on 251 for five.

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Zimhabwe Linder-19,

with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 148 runs ahead of England Under-19 THE loss of 16 wickets yester-

day may routinely, nowadays, cast aspersions in the direction of the groundsman at the St Lawrence Ground. Brian Fitch's wicket, however, has proved an excellent cricket wicket, offering pace and bounce, with the majority of dismissals owing more to naive batting and disciplined bowling than the state of the surface.

Poorly though the England

seemed to have taken a firm grip on the final NatWest international, before Douglas Marillier hit the first halfcentury of the match to shift the balance of the game. In an untroubled display. Marillier illustrated the excellence of the wicket, striking eight fours and three sixes while adding an invaluable 102 with

innings total by 30 runs. In striking two blows before the Zimbabweans had cleared their arrears. England had Mluleki Nkala.

howled David Mutendera and Bertus Erasmus to finish with five for 66. Erasmus, the Zimbabwean captain, was last man out for a spirited 49. having hit two of the nine boundaries in the innings. Led by the Essex pairing of Stephen Peters and Graham Napier England approached the lunch interval cruising at five an over and a huge first-

innings lead beckoned. But with complacency undoing Peters the innings altered course.

FOR THE RECORD

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Henman brought down to earth by South African

FROM DAVID POWELL IN NEW YORK

IN much the same way that dia airport and a train rattling Tim Henman produced a thrilling victory over a high seed at Wimbledon, only to lose in the next round against an unseeded opponent, the British No 2 went out in the second round of the United States Open here at Flushing Meadows yesterday. He was beaten in straight sets by Wayne Ferreira, from South Africa, having put out Thomas Muster, the fifth seed from Austria, in the first round.

Ferreira won 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in 1hr 33min. Having beaten Richard Krajicek, the defending champion and No.4 seed at Wimbledon, Henman was pur out in the quarter-finals by Michael Stich, from Germany. Then, as now, Henman won only nine games, playing as inexplicably poorly as he did yesterday.

Henman's nadir was the second set in which he lost five games to love. Against Muster he had combined efficient service, crisp volleying and dexterity of touch but here he sprayed errors from every angle. A rain break, when Hennian was two sets and 3-1 down, proved only a short delay to Henman's ignominious departure.

Greg Rusedski had fewer problems during his win over Ferreira's compatriot. Marcos Ondruska, on Thursday night. The small band of British supporters cheering him on could not be heard beneath the collective din of a flight out of nearby La Guarby on the Long Island railroad. Rusedski, though, remained oblivious to the noise. As the South African

served, the British No I struck a stinging return that did not come back. Point to Rusedski who, by now, was beginning to run away with the match. did not hear it that much." Rusedski said of the din. "I am not letting outside distractions bother me."

Twelve months Rusedski was eliminated in the first round for the third successive year. The combination of the improvement in his game and the upgrading of the

Results ..

national tennis centre have spirited Rusedski into the third round. The venue, once despised by the majority of players, is more agreeable now. "You do not feel as claustrophobic." Rusedski said. "I never really enjoyed coming to the Open, but I think I am changing things this week."

According to the rankings, Rusedski should progress untroubled into the last 16. His next opponent is Jens Knippschild, from Germany, 22, who, ranked 100th, is 80 places lower than the Briton. This year is the first in which Knippschild has qualified for

third without dropping a point on his service. Samantha Smith, the only grand-slam tournaments and British woman in the tourna he has yet to progress beyond ment, was crushed 6-1, 6-0 in the second round by Conchita Martinez, the No 7 seed, from Spain. The most absorbing feature of the women's singles during the evening session was the way in which Mirjana Lucic, from Croatia, overwhelmed Aubrie Rippner, a

Californian, 6-0, 6-1. Lucic, 15, is the youngest player in the women's singles. though she appears much older, perhaps 19 or 20. Strikingly similar to Steffi Graf in appearance and power, she faces Jana Novotna, from the Czech Republic, for a place in the last 16.

the third round in any of them.

However, Knippschild's vic-

tory over Henman in the

Stella Artois tournament at

Queen's, before Wimbledon,

ensures that Rusedski is alert

to the German's capabilities,

although this will be their first

Rusedski has yet to drop a set. He defeated Ondruska

7-6, 6-4, 6-1, having eliminated David Wheaton, a Wimbledon

semi-finalist in 1991, in the

first round. Serving 21 aces,

Rusedski overwhelmed

Ondruska after the South

African had shown some resis-

Playing under floodlights

on court No 4, Rusedski took a

while to warm-up. Rain had

caused play to begin five hours

late and, by the time the Briton

appeared, he had been wait-

ing in the grounds for nine

hours. He secured the opening

set at his first opportunity,

putting away a high volley.

Ondruska stared at Rusedski in disbelief when the Briton

served a third successive ace

in the second game of the

second set to lead 40-0. How-

ever, Rusedski made a meal of

the game, conceding two

points feebly before clearing

Ondruska was unable to

hold his service in the fifth

game, which cost him the set.

The Briton raced through the

his plate with a fourth ace.

tance in the first set.

Novotna, who took Martina Hingis to a deciding set in the Wimbledon final this year, went to watch Lucic play to sample what she might be up against, her need for attention to detail all the more important for the fact that she has played little since Wimbledon due to injury. Call it precocity, or call it confidence, but Lucic said that she was not bothered in the least that Novotna had been spying on her.

Harrington scratches his head in disbelief after sinking another long birdie putt

Polland returns to the fore

BY MEL WEBB

IN HIS salad days in the Seventies Eddie Polland was a free spirit, a man who believed in touch and flair on the golf course, and filling the cup of life to the brim off it. Less than a year ago, though, he feared that his ability to strike a ball properly had gone forever. Now, thanks to spare-part

surgery, he is smiling again. That smile broadened ve terday when he took the lead. with a six-under-par 66, in the Motor Seniors Classic at Goodwood Park. The former Ryder Cup player was forced out of golf for 612 years with crippling rheumatoid arthritis in most of the joints on his left

Polland was ready to accept that his ambition to play on the PGA European Seniors Tour when he passed 50 in

June would never be realised. What appeared to be virtu-

ally Polland's last chance came last February when his left elbow and thumb were rebuilt in a long and difficult Polland says that he is now

beginning to hit the ball properly again. Beginning? If he ever gets it right most of the others might as well go home and leave him to it. He had six birdies - and no

bogeys - as he took a onestroke lead over Deray Simon, with Randall Vines on 69 and five players on 70. Tommy Horton, the tournament favourite, struggled to a 75 as the wind strengthened in the af-

"I know what José María Olazábal must have gone through when he had all the trouble with his feet," Polland said. "I thought I would never play again, either. I'm really happy just to be out here today was a bonus."

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It was Polland's best round since joining the seniors' ranks, and one that he has been threatening to produce for some time. His one weakss had been maccura the tee, but even that has been fixed by replacing the shafts in his clubs. Another transplant,

another cure. "They felt heavy and stiff," he said. "Now they feel just right. I'm not sure how the new shafts are helping. To be honest, I think most of my problems were between the ears - I was starting to think I had arthritis in my head as

Rider to Cup debate added by Harrington

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN MUNICH

THERE have been few responses to pressure as courageous as Padraig Har-rington's in the BMW International Open here. After the European Open in Dublin last week, when it looked as though Harrington had lost a realistic chance of making his debut in the Ryder Cup next month, he flew to Munich and yesterday played one of the outstanding rounds of the

It was a round that bears out the old saw that golf is played largely between the ears and it moved Colin Montgomerie to generous praise. "He did a hell of a job today." Montgomerie said of Harrington's .64, which has given the trishman a onestroke lead as he strives to gain a place in Severiano Ballesteros's Europe Ryder Cup team against the United States next month. "I hope he can continue."

Harrington and his partners, Mark James and Thomas Bjorn, were a cumulative 23 under par and were the centrepiece of a dazzling second round, when the scoring was as good as the weather was bad. Amid rain, wind and even a feeble ray or two of sunshine, most of those in competition for Ballesteros's team demonstrated immense resolve. This must have been heartening to the captain, who was to be seen in the midafternoon with a slight smile on his face as he paced around a room in front of a massive

Just as Justin Leonard's victory in the Open Champ-ionship was compelling because of the authoritative way that he claimed the prize, so it was heartening for Europe's chances at Valderrama next month to see so many men able to play outstanding golf when it was most needed.

For example, James, who is seventeenth in the Ryder Cup points table, had a 64. James, 43. has appeared in seven Ryder Cups and is anxious for one last hurrah. A round containing nine birdies was an obvious expression of his serious intent, though it was late. So was the 66 by Sam Torrance, the old trouper, whose only chance now is to be selected by Ballesteros. Torrance's love affair with the biennial competition goes back to Walton Heath in 1981, when he hit the first stroke of the match on his debut. "The dream's over." Torrance

growled, knowing that he had missed the cut. "But at least I

gave it a good shot."

A 65 by Bjorn, ninth in the table, silenced the siren voices that had been wondering whether the Dane had a right to be in the kitchen when the heat was at its most intense. "I needed to do something today, and I did," the 26-year-old, who is Il under par, said.

Costantino Rocca, needing to protect his eighth place in the table, recovered from a disappointing start to come home in 31, five under par, and make sure that he did not miss the halfway cut. This was the prospect that faced Jose Maria Olazabal, who had been five under par after his first round and could not improve in the second. The cut fell at five under, the lowest ever in Europe, so Olazabal survived by the sienderest

Paul Broadhurst, in thirteenth place, did himself no harm with a 67, produced under the eye of Ballesteros. He is nine under par. Peter



LEADERS AFTER TWO ROUNDS: 130 Hamington 66, 84 131: F Tarraud (Fr) 63 68, 132: S Ames (Tim) 69, 63: P Beler 64 68: C Montgomene 65, 67, C Watts 64, 69 133: T Sjom (Dent 68, 65; F Jecobson (Swe) 66, 67, 134: R Kartson (Swe) 67, 67 Lewise 68, 69; P Broadhusti Mouland 67, 68; C Suneson (St Spaind (Sme) 64, 71, 136; D H 71, 85; G Turner (N2) 88, 68; S P J Lomas 68, 70; J Townsond (U

Baker, the overnight leader. who must win here to get into the team, had a 68 to join Montgomerie on 12 under par in third place.

No one's score could match Harrington's, though. The Irishman, who will be 26 tomorrow, is a scrapper, a short-game specialist. This course, which is flat, dull and not the least bit intimidating, was made for him. "He is a bit streaky and hits more bad shots than Thomas," James said, after watching the two younger men, "but his short game is in the Langer and

Harrington has a manner about him that is engaging. He has a head for figures, as he should, since he was trained as an accountant, and he is used to matchplay events. If he keeps his head these next two days, then a place in the Ryder Cup team should be his two years after he represented Great Britain and Ireland in the Walker Cup.

ICE HOCKEY

Rusedski gives a backhand return close attention

during his second-round victory over Ondruska

is left out in the cold

By Norman de Mesquita

ICE hockey returns this weekend but, while standards may improve at the highest level, the long term future of the sport in Great Britain seems less assured as the Superleague teams turn their backs on British-born players and spend more money on

Ashley Tait, one of the more talented British youngsters. has been released by Nottingham Panthers, for whom he has played throughout his seven-year senior career, and Trevor Redmond, who was often Basingstoke Bison's best player last season, has been deemed surplus to requirements by Peter Woods, who coaches Great Britain as well as the Bison, it is a similar story across the board as the eight Superleague teams ignore local talent.

There is still no senior ice hockey played in London as the group that was intent on bringing back the sport to Streatham, and had even flown in a Canadian coach, found that the owner of the rink was not prepared to install sufficient seat-

All the Superleague teams claim to have strengthened itheir squads, although Cardiff Devils will be without their outstanding goaltender. Stevie Lyle, who has decided to try to forge a career in North America.

Outside the Superleague. the British Ice Hockey Association hopes that the British National League will provide a better competition than last season. Unfortunately. Swindon and Whitley Bay will no longer be competing.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Local talent | Packers prepare to repel challengers

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE annual competition to reach the event that has, in recent years, become one of the most foregone conclusions in sport, begins tomorrow when the National Football League (NFL) season kicks off. Twenty-two weeks later, on January 25 in San Diego, the National Football Conference (NFC) champions will, in all probability, defeat the American Football Conference (AFC) champions in Super Bowl XXXII.

Most likely to be celebrating, for the second successive season, are Green Bay Packers, who, after winning the Vince Lombardi trophy in 1967 and 1968, waited 29 years to regain it. If training-camp talk of an unbeaten season is to be believed, the Packers are in no mood to relinquish it. Brett Favre, the quarterback, is the most compelling reason to back them.

Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers are not the NFC powers of recent years and, although always play-off contenders, are less likely than Carolina Panthers, an expansion team in 1995 but NFC championship game losers in 1996, to run the Packers close.

Dallas have gone through a particularly troubled pre-season off the field, the arrest of Barry Switzer, the head coach, for attempting to board a plane while carrying a loaded gun, being the lowest point. Nevertheless, their game in Pittsburgh tomorrow, a repeat of Super Bowl XXX, is the pick of the opening day: a Dallas victory would go some way to

restoring morale. If there is an AFC team that can redress the imbalance, it is unlikely to be New England Patriots, the runners-up last year, a tough schedule and the departure of Bill Parcells, the head coach, to their division

rivals, New York Jets, will

probably prove too much. The two most potent challengers to the NFC monopoly are led by veterans constantly trying to lose the title "best quarterback never to win a Super Bowi": John Elway, whose Denver Broncos peaked too soon last season and had nothing left when it counted against Jacksonville in the play-offs, and Dan Marino, of Miami Dolphins. In a pre-season game be-tween the teams in Mexico City, the 37-year-old Elway, a three-time Super Bowl loser. tore a bicep muscle and is

struggling to be fit for the opening of the season, but may be able to give his arm more rest during games than hitherto; the emergence of Terrell Davis as one of the league's best running backs means that stopping Elway is no longer a guarantee of stopping Denver.

Miami, in the second year of a rebuilding process under Jimmy Johnson, the former Dallas head coach, also expanded their ground game last year, through their rookie running back, Karim Abdul-Jabbar, and will have an easier schedule, having finished fourth in the division last time. However, the development of the team has not yet reached a point where it matches Marino's urgency to

win the big one. Whether Miami. Denver or outsiders such as Seattle win the AFC, though, the odds and the Packers - say that they are playing for second place.

SALES SERVICE STATE OF THE SERVICE SER McGregor holds last medal chance

GREAT Britain's only hope of winning a medal at the world track cycling championships in Perth, Australia, rests with Yvonne McGregor in the 3,000 metres pursuit, which begins today. McGregor has already beaten Antonella Bellutti, of Italy, the Olympic champion, this season.

Britain's men failed to qualify for the last eight of the 4,000 metres team pursuit yesterday when Rob Hayles was lost to the four-man squad after only 600 metres of their qualifying round. Hayles's front wheel was overlapped by the rear wheel of Bryan Steel, then riding in third position, and, in trying to extricate himself, Hayles lost contact.

Marshall falls in Hong Kong

SQUASH: Brett Martin, the No 10 seed, of Australia, produced a surprise result in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open by beating Peter Marshall, of England, 17-14, 11-15, 15-9, 15-7 in 56 minutes. Martin exposed Marshall's stamina problems, caused by suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome for two years. Martin now meets Jansher Khan, who looked patchy beating Martin Heath, of Scotland, 15-10, 15-12, 15-11.

Test rivalry to resume

CRICKET: India and Pakistan have agreed to resume Test match tours after an eight-year suspension of fixtures between the two countries. The resumption will initially be at A-team level with a three-match series next winter. "Both India and Pakistan are keen to revive the Test series and the cricket boards have agreed to resume reciprocal tours," Jaywant Lele, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said.

Price is right

BOWLS: Mary Price, of England, and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, picked up three wins apiece yesterday to stretch their unbeaten runs to five in the battle for the singles title at the Atlantic Rim championships at Llandrindod Wells. Price and Johnston, who leads the round-robin table on shot aggregate, will meet in the eighth round of matches in an encounter that could prove to be a title decider.

Cavalleri impresses

GOLF: Silvia Cavalleri, winner of the US women's amateur championship, took a significant step towards retaining her European individual title as she stood head and shoulders above her rivals in the wind at Formby yesterday. The diminutive 24-year-old Italian posted a highly impressive 70, two under par, to go to the top of the leaderboard with a 145 total, four strokes ahead of Karine Icher, of France.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker brothers falter at the last

From Jenny MacArthur in mannheim, germany

GERMANY. already the on the opening day, has world and Olympic dropped to fourteenth place individually.

added the European title to It was only the fine riding of their formidable list of successes when they held off a strong challenge from Hol-land to win by 5.86 points. The victory — their first in the event since 1981, the last

time that Germany hosted the European championships came after superb performances from Ludger Beerbaum, on Sprehe Ratina, and his younger brother, Markus, on Lady Weingard. Both had double clear rounds. Ludger, the 1992 Olympic champion, now has one fence in hand over Hugo Simon, of Australia, for the individual contest, which has its final tomorrow,

Great Britain, who had been lying in the silver-medal position overnight, took the bronze after disappointing opering rounds from John Whitaker, on Virtual Village Welham - normally the most reliable partnership in the team - and his younger brother, Michael, on Virtual Village Ashley. Both incurred eight faults. John, who was runner-up behind Beerbaum



Ludger Beerbaum: superb

dropped to fourteenth place individually. It was only the fine riding of Robert Smith, on Tees Hanauer - a 17-year-old horse who was never supposed to be championship material — and a late rally by Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, that kept Britain in the hunt. Both riders had four faults in the opening round at fence 12 a treble, bedecked with distracting blue European Union flags - but were fault-

less in the second round.
Ronnie Masseralla, team manager, who had come here hoping to regain the gold that Britain won on three successive occasions from 1985, said: "We were fighting all along. I'm delighted for Robert — his riding was pure class — but I would never have dreamt that John would have had eight faults."

Whitaker, who collected the faults at two early fences when 17-year-old Welham appeared to be half asleep, had looked set to compensate in the secand round, in which he was clear until the last fence, but it was not his day. Taking "too much of a pull" before fence 14, Welham ground to a halt, dismantling the fence. Michael, frustratingly, incurred four faults at fence ten, a narrow upright, in both

rounds. Holland, inspired by an opening clear round by Emile Hendrix on his ten year-old mare, Ten Cate Finesse, looked set to give the Germans a battle royal until Ian Tops. on Top Gun La Silla, gained an expensive eight faults in the second round and the challenge fizzied out.

BOWLS

All-rounder Brittan is the master

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

CROWN and flat green bowls are similar, but essentially different. Richard Brittan, who won the English level green singles championship at Worthing's Beach House Park yesterday, is a master of

Brittan, 37, started playing on the crown greens of Birmingham 25 years ago, and won several tournaments, but was not introduced to the flat-green code until 1986, when he was persuaded to join the Erdington Court When, with Robbie Robin-

son, he won the national pairs title on the flat in 1993, he decided to concentrate his attention on English Bowling Association (flat green) competitions and this year, to the disapproval of his crown green friends at Sutton Park, has played only ten matches on crown greens, winning

"To be honest, I don't play much bowls at all these days," he said. "I have three small children and have deliberate ly restricted myself to playing in the Warwickshire compentions, and somehow got through to Worthing in three out of four events."

Brittan reached the final yesterday with a 21-12 win over Paul Broderick, and then kept his nose in front of Martin Coles, 28, from Garston, to become the first Warwickshire player to carry off the national singles title

Earlier. Coles had dashed the hopes of Andy Thomson, the 1991 champion, coming back from deficits of 3-11 and 13-19 to win their semi-final

RUGBY LEAGUE

Broncos

Wales seek to build on summer **Success**

BY GERALD DAVIES

SUMMER'S lease is not over and yet the first European rugby mion international is upon us. Wales play Romania this afternoon. If the time is out of joint, so is the place. As it to add to the aberration, the game will be played at that football stronghold, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham.

In these devolutionary days. there is need clearly to unite Wales. Rugby should be more of a national game and young players chan-nelled in the right direction. Close to a dozen North Walians perform in the premier division. This is not

There will be two more interna-tionals — New Zealand in November, Italy in February — before the ritual of the five nations' championship begins. Stamina is called for. And not just from the players. I might add. Not that there has been a fallow period for the Welsh players who, during the summer, made an unbeaten six-match tour to the United States and Canada, an achievement worth shouting about. Canada, particularly, can be a notoriously awkward opponents, as England found to their cost when they lost in Vancouver in 1993, as did France in Ottawa in 1994.

"The summer tour was reason ably important." Gwyn Jones, the Wales captain, said. "If we were disappointed that we did not play as we would have wished we were. nevertheless, very pleased that we

came back unbeaten.

"They play an unconventional game out there and Canada have a tactical edge, provided by Gareth Rees at fly half. To win at Fletcher's Field in Toronto is no small matter. This has given us confidence, as will the fact that the Lions players are back in the fold.

His recurring ankle injury, how-ever, deprives the Welsh team of the formidable presence of Scott Gibbs. This allows Leigh Davies to take his place. It is even doubtful whether Gibbs will have recovered in time for Swansea's Heineken Cup match against Wasps next

Jones, who with a year to go to complete his medical studies is taking a two-year sabbatical leading up to the World Cup, believes Romania will attempt a fluid game They have a heavy scrum and their back five players are athletic. There is a strong French influence to their

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ROMANIA: V. Methis (Cuj University): L. Coloents

(Stesua Bucherast), R. Gontineac (Pau), G. Solomie
(Timiscara, University). P. Rotsmu (Dinamo Bucharest), M. Hados (Dinamo Bucharest), A. Selegeanu (Dinamo Bucharest), A. Selegeanu (Dinamo Bucharest), A. Selegeanu (Dinamo Bucharest), F. Corodeanu
(Stesus Bucharest), E. Septas (Fanz Constanta), C. Dragucaenu (Stesus Bucharest).

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South Seas magician offering Leicester new dimension

Sevens specialist widens his horizons



iven the ethnic mix that has become so strong a feature of the community in Leicester (the city motto of Semper Eadem, Always the Same, seems distinctly inappropriate in that sense), the introduction of overseas players to the rugby club seems no more than natural. Yet the conjunction of Leicester and the Pacific islands strikes an unexpectedly exotic note in the down-toearth Midlands.

Will they be calling Waisale Serevi "me duck" by the time that his two-year contract with the Tigers ends? If the little Fijian can reproduce the magical form that has so frequently made him the player of the tournament at the annual Hong Kong sevens, they will be calling him Merlin, because this is one player who stands alone.

Watching him on the Hong Kong stage is to watch a professor with a study full of particularly dull pu-pils. There are times when Serevi will glance, almost like one peering over the top of his spectacles, to see whether his class can pick up the thrust of his argument, he will stand still, luring his opponent on, give a shirmmy of the hips and he is

He has the hitch-kick and speed off the mark that makes him utterly devastating in the abbreviated game. Yet there, as Serevi himself observes, the ground seems so big; put 30 players into the same area, rather than 14, and the canvas upon which the artist paints seems suddeniv cluttered

The complaint has haunted Serevi's representative career. Even his own countrymen have asked the question why, if he can dominate in sevens, can be not do so at 15-a-side? Since making his first international appearance against a New Zealand divisional XV in 1988, Serevi has appeared a inry is times for his country, who have never seemed sure of where to play him - fly half, wing or full back.

It is a question for which Serevi big forwards who will work hard at match in May this year, the deal



the set pieces, life becomes difficult," he said. But not only that: Fiji's success at sevens made them pour all their limited resources into that game, rather than a consistent 15-a-side programme, until the shock of failure to qualify for the 1995 World Cup forced them to reconsider.

That is part of the reason Serevi is in Leicester. He played against match at Twickenham in 1996 and perceived a team well-equipped at forward. At the time, Peter Wheeler. then Leicester's president, inquired has a ready answer. You must first about his availability and when have the ball, and if you do not have Serevi returned for the Sanyo Cup

was clinched, along with that which brought Marika Vunibaka, the Fifian wing, to the Midlands.

Already he has established a rapport with his new colleagues, his command of English good enough even to pick up the humour and chaffing that is part of any chang-ing-room. He taught English durhis three years playing for Mitsubishi Motors in Kyoto, and

ipanese at the same ijme Now he must command the respect of colleagues, opponents and supporters and Bob Dwyer. Leicester's director of rugby, has no doubt that he will. "He's very strong - I doubt if there's a player in the team with better muscle definition

and if he can't translate the skills he shows at sevens to the 15-a-side game, then that's the fault of the coach - which puts me under fire." Dwyer said. "If you can play one, you can play the other."

Serevi took to rugby, as so many Fijians do, in pick-up games at school in Suva, where he was born in 1968, one of three brothers and two sisters. Drive around the ids and vou cannot avoid seeing barefoot youngsters with an old ball but, whereas many grow to a willowy height. Serevi remained on the short side; when he toured Britain in 1989 with the national side he was programmed at 5ft 3in. the motto. Leicester will not be the

8in - still not enough to cast off his

island nickname of "Small" Two years later he played fly half in the World Cup, Fiji losing all three pool games in France and retreating from the world stage. Now, however, they have returned, announcing themselves last year with a 60-0 win over Western Samoa, when Serevi played full back. They have since heaten Tonga and the Cook Islands to ensure a place in the next qualifying stage for

the 1999 World Cup.

"We have to rebuild our reputation at 15-a-side," Serevi said. "If we build a good engine-room in the pack land Fiji have the New Zealander, Brad Johnstone, to help them do sof then we have the backs to score tries." The proof of that pudding may be seen at Welford Road in the next few weeks as Dwyer tries to decide where his multiskilled import should play he starts against Gloucester today on the wing, but could appear almost anywhere in the back division. Untrammelled by goal-kick-

'I know I'll be heavily marked but that should leave space for somebody else in the team'

ing duties — Leicester have Joel Stransky for those — Serevi can indulge himself. "It will be a big challenge, not only playing rugby but with the weather," he said. The East Midlands will seem a long way from Fiji's swaying palms this winter and Serevi remembers the chilly winds that pursued the 1989 touring side through Britain and the numbing rain that dampened

island spirits in Scotland during the 1993 World Cup sevens. "Even the New Zealanders com-plained about the cold then." he said. I hope it's not always like that." So, too, will his two daughters. Una, three, and Asinate, two. who will join Serevi and Kara, his wife, within the next two months. Kara must first conclude a tour of duty with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Sinai, where she is a welfare officer attached to a military hospital, before the family is reunited in the homely surround ings of Rolleston, a village some ten miles east of Leicester.

By then Serevi will hope to have waved his wand, not only as a opportunity. "I know I will be heavily marked, but that should leave space for someone else," he says and smiles the smile of a man confident of his own ability. Unlike though he now reckons to stand 5ft same this season.

prepare for return

By Christopher Irvine

of Offiah

MARTIN OFFIAH appears to be ready to see out his career with London Broncos in a full-time capacity. Negotiations with the former Great Britain wing will resume after his reappearance against Bradford Bulls, the Stones Super League champions, at the Stoop Memorial Ground tomorrow.

Offiah's early return to the Broncos in the encounter between the top two league finishers — he was not due back until next season ~ follows his aborted move to Bedford Rugby Union Club. Talks between Offiah. 30, and the Broncos to tie him to the club for the remainder of his career have still to be finalised. His place in the side for the Bradford match is the result of an extension to an earlier short-term agreement for a dozen appearances this

"I was never looking forward to the new season at Bedford," Offiah said, "I could have acted keen, lined my pockets and no one would have been any the wiser, but the potential at London is so exciting that I would rather be full-time there."

Offiah recently announced his retirement from rugby union. He is keen to concentrate on league after back-tohack seasons playing both codes, including one unprece-dented weekend last March when he turned out for the Broncos and Bedford, That episode helped to make up his mind that a dual rugby career was not working to his satisfaction.

After ten years in the top flight of league, Offiah often found the transition back to union frustrating. He was verbally and visibly relieved when he resumed with London at the start of the season, although his try-scoring this year has not been of the prodigious nature that marked his record-breaking

feats for Widnes and Wigan. There are unlikely to be many repeats of the short-term moves to union by league players last season. Most union clubs now only want players prepared to change codes on a permanent basis, such as Tulsen Tollett, pearance for London at half back tomorrow before he joins Harlequins as a

centre. Wigan will no longer agree to any short-term union contracts and have dismissed speculation linking Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre, who played for Harlequins for four months, last year, with Newcastle. Conn-olly is due to undergo a longawaited knee operation

during the winter. David Bradshaw, the Wigan chief executive, said: "We have learnt our lesson from last winter. The players who went to union came back in poor shape. They were either jaded or down on fitness. Gary Connolly suffered major knee problems and we don't want that kind of situation to

develop again." Bradford's hopes of completing the season undefeated were ruined by Wigan's victory at Odsal last Monday. Playing London, away. is potentially an even harder task and they may now lack the incentive to repeat the victory that they achieved in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at

HOCKEY

sharp form for England

ENGLAND had to work hard

land an encouraging start with a goal from a short

The teams were on level terms in the eighteenth minute when Jackson con-

verted a penalty stroke, the outcome of a stick tackle inside the circle. A goal in the fiftieth minute by Boyse provided relief for England, who scored again five minutes later when Pearn capitalised on a defensive lapse. Another goal by Mathews

Ireland in the dying seconds. Earlier, Germany, the Ju-

mor World Cup holders, overran Belgium 6-1.

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Richmond and Newcastle showed that money can buy promotion; now it should be Bedford's turn. Backed by Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, the club lost out in the play-offs last season, but have spent heavily again. Martin Offiah may have gone, but Rory Underwood has flown in from Leicester with Aadel Kardooni. With Geoff Cooke in full-time control alongside Paul Turner, Bedford have the experience and wherewithal to secure promotion. Nothing less will do.

secure promotion. Nothing less will do. Director of rugby: Goot Cooks Coach: Paul Turner Captain toa. TRANSFERS: In: Peter Anglesea (Orret), Smon Crabb (Walket) Chlets, Justin Cullen (Otago Highranders), Jason Forster (Bridgend). David Hinters (Bristol), Asels Kardoom (Jedesslah), Mark Kirby (Chley), Richard Kirto (Walkato Chlets), Afistair Murdoot, (New South Wales), Flory Underwood (Let-cster). Tony Yapp (Worcester). Out: Carren Edwards (London Wetsh), Richard White (Norung-ham). ham). 1997 position: 4th 1998 prediction: 2nd.

Blackheath

The possibility of becoming a nursery, of sorts, for Aoddand Blues, to cement the already strong New Zealand links at one of the world's oldest clubs, must be emicing. Should know by October whether the Super 12 champions will invest as part of their desire to become a genuine all-year-round rugby operation. If so, prospects will improve; otherwise a difficult season lies ahead.

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Meetor of rugby: Hisa Reid Coaches: Phi Ubee,
Mae Mills Captain: John Gallagher
TRANSFERS: In: Richard Sharples (Harlequins)
Out Mehael Piday (Maspes): Sam Howard (Exelent
Mucky Hams (Wastcombe Park), Andy Park (North
of Ireland P.D., Sawe Timmers (Nottingham),
Oomace Walton (Waspes).

1997 position: 10th, 1998 prediction: 10th

The departure of Danny Grewcock to Saracens is a loss, but received England Under-2l lock. Danny Zahzmann. in part exchange. Otherwise have retained bulk of last season's squad. Not much money to play with, but have recruited Ralph Knibbs as backs coach to help former Bristol colleague, Derek Eves, who worked wonders last year in building a side of rich promise. Lost in the play-offs to London Irish after season of real progress, but will be thereabouts again. Director of rugby: Derek Eves. Captain: Rob

Director of highly, Dates Educia, (Gloucester),
FRANSFERS: In: Wanstot Bullock (Gloucester),
Darry Zahzmann (Saracers) Out: Sleve Chapman
(Saracers), Mark. Crane (Worcester),
Darry Greencock (Saracers), Julian Hysis (Burnmann/Solitus), Nick Lewis (Lichheld), Ben Shepred (Burn-gham/Solitus), Geroth Tregligas (Old
Lezmingtonians),
1997 position: 3rd, 1998 prediction: 3rd

Third-division champions who won their final 14 matches last year to secure promotion. Huge local spirit at the club, which is, by necessity, run on a shoestring. Unwilling and unable to go professional, which is likely to prove their tracking. Here have a least for players undoing. Has been a haven for players wanting to combine business careers with part-time rugby. Strong pack but

Rugby menager: Roy Henderson, Coach: Paul Westpate, Captain: Rob Bester TRANSPERS: in: James Alvis (Newport), Crarg Barrow (Bristo) Sem Howard (Blackheath), Mait McLoughtin (Mashonaland: Zimbabwe) Out Neth Brooling (Wakefield), Andy Der (Moseley), Iam Daon (risto) 1987 position: Tanti division champions. 1898 prediction: 11th

Fylde

Runners-up to Exeler last year, Bill Beaumont's old club — he is still a member - will learn the harsh realities of life this campaign. Threadbare squad with long, hard winter in prospect.

Director of coaching: Graham Smith Captain: Gareth Russell Rugby manager: Andrew Macteriane TRANSPERS: In: Deman Ange (Oldhem RL), Ian Bard (Vale of Lune); Karl Cumbier (Western Province); Lam McComack (Amy), Marin Scott (Oriell), Deve Topping (Westerloo), Out: Sam Knight Collect

(Olisy) 1987 position: Third division runners-up. 1998 oreofiction: 12th

London Scottish

On the verge of the big time after heavy investment on and off the pitch. Dual Scotland/South Africa international John Allan arrives as player-coach from Natal. With a good start and former New Zealand triallist Jamie Cameron at fly half, this could be their year.

half, this could be their year.

Director of rugby: John Shele Coaches: John
Allen, Bob Godhev Club captain: Paul Burnel
First XV captain: Romie Briescon
TRANSFERS: In: John Allen (Neral), Jemle
Cameron (Mellington Huntzenes), Sieve Cook.
(Ornell), Finodri Davies (Harlequires), Ien
McClaustend Eastern Suburba), Russell Osman
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Sharmen (Natali), Mick Watson (Harlequires), Out:
Angus Turner (Newbury), Steve Griffins (Leeds),
Jame Harmison (Liscsse),
1997 position: Sin. 1998 prediction: 1st.

With a consortium beaded by Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, backing them. Moseley, with 25 full-time professionals, moserey, with a murante professionals, have high hopes of carrying on where they left off at the end of last season. Fortunes transformed by arrival of Allan Lewis as coach earlier this year in place of Barrie Corless. John Liley. Steve Hack-ney and Bill Drake-Lee have arrived after the cleorout at Leicester. Will take time to

blend.
Director of coeching: Allen Lewis. Coach: Denley Issaes: Captain: Romand Denhand:
TRANSFERS: In: Peter Buston (Cheffenham). Joe Clarke (Barth), John Cottlerly (Newport), Andy Dari (Esteeth. Bill Drake-Lee (Latroster), Serve Hackey (Latroster), Peter Massey (Walterliet), Mark (Actumory).

(Centerbury), Charle Muliraine (Ginucoster)

Orrell

Bowed to the inevitable last season when relegated. Lost several more talented personnel during the summer, but the personnel ourning the summer, but the return of Ged Glynn as enach has helped to lift the gloom at Edgehall Road, as has the recruitment of Ben Cronin, the the recipitational, and his compatriot. Brian Walsh.

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Director of coaching: Ged Giynn Captain: toa.
TRANSFERS: In: Ben Crann (Garyonen). Ben
Girtor (New Zealand Police), Paul Manley (Walseferd), Peter Marcho (Lymm), Neil Ryan (Sele).
Doug Tryclis (Cimbobwe). Smon Verbickas (Sele).

Defied the odds by actually making a profit last year as well as the critics who predicted an instant return to the third division. Very much part of the com-munity and has backing of local businesses. Young side, especially up front where they could be exposed. Coached by Geoff Wappett, who led England Under-18 group to such success in Australia

to group to start states in Astrata
recently. Consolidation the target.
Rugby manager: Save Cousts Coaches; Geoff
Wappett, Alen Buzza, Captain; tha,
TRANSFERS: In: Greg Austin (Leicester), John
Sheynerd (Morley), Ben Wade (Morley)
1897 position; 7th, 1998 prediction; 9th.

Wakefield

Hoping to build on creditable mid-table position last season and the arrival of Matt Greenwood as player/coach from Wasps, who leads by example, will be a real boon. Well-run club with no real real boon. Well-run club with no real money worries and huge potential. Coach: Mett.Greenwood Captein: Paul Siewert TRANSFERS: In: Keeh Brooking (Exeter). Alan Brown (Stocklort), Mett Greenwood (Waspe). Craw (Stocklort), Ian McLernart (Newcaste). Alan Yafes (Sale) Out: Paul Mariey (Orea), Poter Massey (Mossiey), Ian Wynn (Ibacklort). 1897 position: 6th. 1998 prediction: 6th.

Waterloo

With Tony Russ calling the shots, Waterloo should enjoy a better season. Fitter than ever and Russ gradually changing style of play. Good spiril and no superstars, but lack experience in the formula Versus rich that will have to forwards. Young side that will have to learn quickly but no inhibitions, which

learn quickly but no inhibitions, which could work in their favour.
Director of nighty: Tory Russ Captain: David Blyth TRANSFERS: In: Phil Graham (Licepool: Peter Hart (Gloucester), Mercus Hough (Drietter), Sean Kay (Mirral), Russial Airby (Rugby), Mari D Shaughnessy (Mirral), Russial Airby (Rugby), Mari D Shaughnessy (Mirral), Russial Airby (Rugby), Mari D Shaughnessy (Mirral), Russial Centrol County, San Puecki (Australia), 1897 position: 9th 1898 prediction: Sh

West Hartlepool

In freefall after relegation and haemorrhage of talent, a trend that continued over the summer. Will need all motiva-tional powers of former All Black Mike Brewer, in charge after disastrous Mark Ring reign, Little money to spend but sponsor Phil Youell back on board. Newlook squad could click with a promising threequarter line. Will be difficult to beat at home.

At home.
Director of rugby: Mike Brower Coaches: Dave Shubbs, Colin White Captain: Dand Mitchell TRANSFERS: In: Mike Bewer (Blackrock), Emmet Farrell (Blackrock), Tu Nurusitio (Western Sarmost Fussell Schnoder (Petone, New Zealand), Sicphen Ville (Castres), Out. David Barnes (Newsaster, Gorald Cortle (Petransen-Newsyn), Fussell Sarnchaw (Bath), Chris John (Newsport Kewn Moseley (Penzancen-Newsyn), Fussell Sarnchaw (Bath), Chris John (Newsport Kewn Moseley (Penzancen-Newsyn), Fussell Sarnchaw (Bath), Chris John (Newsport Sale), John Stabler (Pedcan)
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Compiled by Mark Souster

Ambitious Wasps hoping to cash in on higher profile

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WASPS and Leicester, league and cup-winners respectively last season, make their belated entry to the Allied Dunbar Premiership today, but whether it will be with a roar remains to be seen. They stood on the sidelines last weekend as the first division, for the most part, fumbled into action, but with Europe looming, England's premier clubs need to drop straight into an efficient groove.

It has been a good year for Wasps. Though the league title earned them only some £15,000 in the final year of Courage sponsorship, their commercial profile has soared, assisted by the fact that, during the summer. the British Isles kept rugby firmly in the spotlight. Should they retain the title next May, they will take prize-money of £60,000 plus their share from the general sponsorship fund.

"At this stage last season, because we signed our contract with Chris Wright's company so late, we had sold only four hospitality boxes for the season," Jeff Huckstep, the club's chief executive, said. "We

however, they must leave London for the Memorial Ground, where

Simon Shaw, the England lock, with them. Shaw, who left Bristol in mid-summer, needs match fitness after suffering back spasms and plays for the second XV. While Bristol have lost Kevin Maggs, their Ireland-qualified centre, with damaged ankle ligaments, the champions can afford to leave Gareth Rees and Chris Sheasby, internationals both, among the replacements and award the goalkicking duties to Jon Ulton.

into Bristol's wounds by bringing

Rees, the Canada full back, was the leading points-scorer in the first

have already sold 22 out of 25 and commercially there has been enormous interest." Season-ticket sales have trebled and Wasps can contemplate a doubling of membership For the opening of their defence.

Television deal on offer

TELEVISION highlights of domestic dub rugby and the knockout cup in England are expected to be shown on either ITV or Channel 5

called Rugby Express (Mark Souster writes). Terrestrial rights to the Allied Dunbar Premiership have been bought by Chrysalis, who produced

Rugby Special for the BBC. They have paid a reported £150,000 and are understood to be seeking sponsorship of £800,000 to cover production costs for the 32-hour series.

Chrysalis hope to secure a deal with ITV, which has been given in the Heineken Cup.

first refusal and has the secondary rights to England's home internationals and to Heineken Cup matches in England. However, it is in a new programme, provisionally, arguable whether there would be sufficient support from the various regions to justify the airtime for what is considered a niche programme. That leaves Channel 5. which is believed to have guaranteed a Sunday slot, as the most likely broadcaster, provided Chrysalis secures the necessary sponsorship.

Any programme would not start until October after the pool matches

consortium will give them a degree the luxury of three kickers - Rees. Ufton and Alex King - from whom of the prosperity that now attaches to their visitors. Tactfully, it might be said. Wasps have not rubbed salt to choose.

"Last season we were able to go about our business quietly, but we understand that everyone will want to beat us. We're there to be shot at." Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, said. "But every game in the Premiership will be hugely competitive. The general standard of play will go up and I believe the primoted teams [Richmond and Newcastle] will cause some major

unsets." One of them already has, Newcastle disposed of Bath a week ago and that alone will pull more spectators into Kingston Park tomorrow, when Northampton come calling. Andy Blyth, the England A centre who played for Newcastle last season, is in the Northampton squad, but Tim Rodber will be absent after tweaking a hamstring in the defeat by Harlequins.

It is the contention of Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, that his team was 20 points better than Harlequins but could not kick their goals. To that end. David Alred, the kicking coach, will work regularly not only with Gregor Townsend and Paul Gravson but also with Matthew Dawson, the scrum-half who showed such skill and application in that department in training with the Lions in South Africa.

Mike Catt has been forced by a groin strain to pull out of Bath's game at the Stoop Memorial Ground — his place at fly half goes to Richard Butland — but Jon Sleightholme, Jon Callard and Dan Lyle reinforce Bath against a similarly cosmopolitan Harlequins XV. in which Thierry Lacroix moves to centre to cover the absence of the injured Will Carling.

Leicester's belated entry against Cloucester at Welford Road features 11 internationals from five countries, with one of the few uncapped players, Michael Horak, from South Africa, at full back. Horak, Waisale Serevi - on the wing - and the flanker, Martin Corry, late of Bristol, make their competitive debuts for Leicester against unchanged opponents.

the Stoop in February.

Mathews in

for a 4-2 victory against Ireland when the four-nations under-21 tournament began at Milton Keynes yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). David Mathews gave Eng-

corner in the fourth minute.

from a short corner in the 63rd minute increased England's lead. Kershaw, a substitute forward, scored for

FOOTBALL SATURDAY



ARSENAL TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR Today, 3.0



Oliver Holt The wags are saying that at their present rate of scoring, Dennis Bergkamp may beat lan Wright to Cliff

Bastin's club record but there are no prizes for guessing who will he at the centre of attention in North London today when these teams meet at Highbury.

The record is one thing, and only a fool would bet against Wright, with his sense of melodrama and occasion, snatching the two goals that he needs to surpass Bastin's record against Arsenal's fiercest rivals. But after the postmatch fracas at Filbert Street, Wright will be the focus of heightened interest for the wrong reasons again at

Highbury. He dominated the thoughts of the England manager. Glenn Hoddle, yesterday and is bound to get a rapturous reception from the home lans. The Spurs supporters and possibly some of their players, though, may feel it is a fine time to try to unsettle

If they do not succeed, an Arsenal team with Wright and Bergkamp functioning at the top of their form should be too much for Gerry Francis's side, who are still finding their feet and adjusting to the signings of Les Ferdinand. David Ginola and José Dominguez.

Bergkamp has been irresistible in all Arsenal's games this season, a model of creativity and of devastating finishing, and with Marc Overmars gradually finding the confidence to run at full backs and destroy them with his pace and Patrick Vieira, another of the Filbert Street miscreants, raiding from midfield, Arsène Wenger's team are likely to rip through Tottenham's shaky back line.

That might be strengthened by the addition of Sol Campbell. who will have a late fitness test today on the injured knee that he damaged against West Ham United two weeks ago. The test will decide not only whether he starts the game but also whether he is retained in the England squad. If he fails it, Gary Mabbutt may return to the starting line-up.

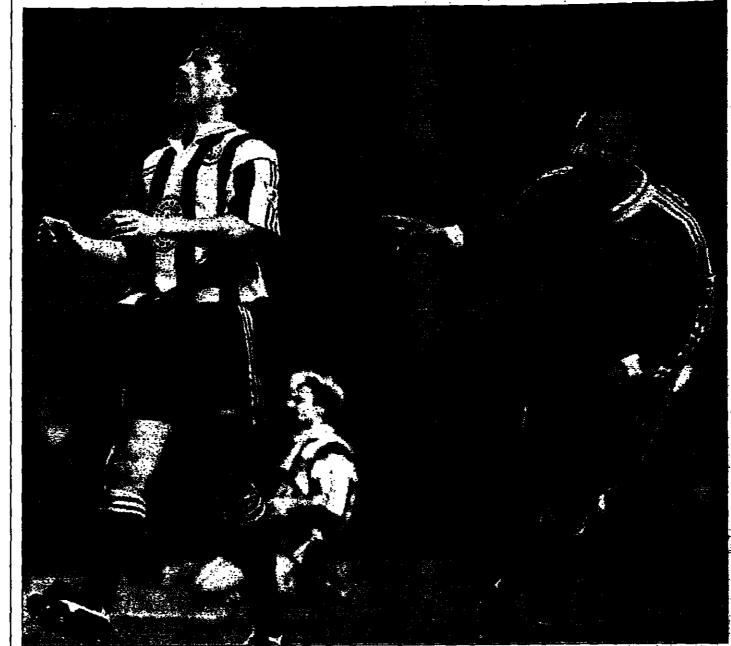
Ramon Vega is still out, though, and Colin Calderwood misses the game through suspension, absences that should seal Tottenham's fate.

In attack, Dominguez, the Portuguese who made such a big impression on his debut against Derby County, will also have a late fitness test but David Ginola is ruled out by injury, which may mean another chance for Ruel Fox, who scored Tottenham's winner against Aston Villa on Wednesday.

ARSENAL (probable; 4-4-2); D Sterman — L Doort, S Bould, G Germand, N Winterburn — R Parlous, P Vieste, E Petit, M Overmans — I Wight, D Bergleamp TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (probable; 4-4-2); I Walter — S Carr, J Scales, S Campbell, J Edniburgh — J Dominguez, S Ciernence, D Howelfs, A Signon — L Ferdinand, S Mersen.

■ TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, BBC1 10.50pm, extended highlights.

■ PREDICTION: Arsenal to win by



Stan-tastic Collymore scores the winning goal to settle the epic Anfield meeting between Liverpool and Newcastle in April 1996.

HITS OF THE NINETIES

they called it the match of the decade. Well, maybe it was, but here are 11 other

Liverpool 4 Newcastle 3. March 1997 (it couldn't happen again, could it? it could, it did)

2. C Palace 4 Liverpool 3. April 1990

(Palace heading for Wernbley — "there's. only one Alast Pardew") 3. Chesterfield 3 Middlesbrough 3. April 1997

(The Spireites beaten in the Cup sern-final — and, yes it was over the line) 4. Leicester 3 Swindon 4. May 1993

(Leicester light back from 3-0 down, only to lose to a dodgy penalty) 5. Cheisea 4 Liverpool 2. January 1997

(Chetsea light back from 2-0 dawn and the legend of the Spice Boys is born) 6. Liverpool 3 Man Utd S. January 1994 (United 3-0 up in half an hour, Liverpool saved . . by Nigel Clough)

8. Everton 4 Liverpool 4. February 1991 (Eventon led four times and the quality of Mersey was too much of a strain for Kenny Dalglish — he resigned two days later)

(The best performence by a British side in Europe since the ban was lifted? If didn't save Ron Alfanson's job six weeks later)

10. Southempton 2 Spurs 6. March 1995 (Spurs were 2-0 down, Rocket Rormy Rosenthal came of the banch to some a hat-nick)

11. Reading 3 Bolton 4. May 1995 (Reading were 2-0 up when they missed a penetry end, with it, a place in the Premiership)

Compiled by Richard Whitehead



ASTON VILLA LEEDS UNITED Today, 3.0



Richard Hobson Brian Little has managed to retain a sense of humour [—] this week,

even if it is of the gallows variety. Asked whether he knew that defeat at Tottenham would complete the worst start in Villa's history, he said that the chairman had already pointed it out. Lest there be any doubt. Little quickly stressed that he was joking.

What price the first vote of confidence for a Premiership manager if Villa lose for a fifth time against Leeds United this afternoon? "Deadly" Doug Ellis has long contended that his reputation for intolerance of managers is unfounded, but Little will doubtless have his own thoughts.

Yorke and Collymore each scored for the first time at White Hart Lane. More goals will surely follow from both. Of far more concern is the defence. Over the past two seasons only Arsenal have conceded fewer goals; this time the Villa rearguard is as porous as a pair of fishnet tights.
"We are aware of how

quickly we need to get out of this position," Little said, after the sale of Andy Townsend to Middlesbrough, which could finally mean an extended opportunity for Paul Grayson. The way to do that is by staying together and working hard," Little said. "When the boys look for reasons to explain why things are not going right they do not always get the right ones. They need somebody to tell them, and that is where they need me."

Leeds have picked up just a single point from three home games but beat Sheffield Wednesday on their only outing from Elland Road. George Graham, the manager, believes that some of his foreign players, namely Hasselbaink and Ribeiro, are still coming to terms with the big crowds at Elland Road. It will be no smaller at Villa Park this afternoon.

The only fitness doubt concerns Robert Molenaar, the Holland defender, affectionately known as "The Terminator". David Wetherall stands

ASTON VILLA (probeble: 3-5-2), M Bosnich — U Emogu, G Southgate, R Sorrieca — G Charles, I Taylor, M Draper, S Grayson, S. Staunton — D Yorke, S Cotymore LEEDS UNITED (probable; 4-4-2) M Manyn — G Hatlo, L Radette, R Molerear, D Robertson — G Kelly, D Hookin, A I Hastland, B Ribero — JF Hasselbains, R Wallace

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights.

PREDICTION: Villa to open their account with a point.



Brian Glanville Chelsea's embarrassment of riches is now becoming an embarrassment to opponents. Now even Ruud Gullit.

the player-manager, wants to get in on the act; back on the field. rather than in the dug-out. After a dreadful start at Coventry, Chelsea have humiliated

Barnsley and brushed Wimbledon aside. The triumphant return of Gianluca Vialli must have pleased his team-mates as much as himself. Four goals at Oakwell at last brought this majestic player out of the shadows.

With Gianfranco Zola, Tor

to sound a little dispirited as he

contemplated a season that has

yet to provide Derby County with

their first goal, their first point or

even their first completed match

The floodlight failure that

at Pride Park.

Keith Pike

Jim Smith has

been around foot-

ball management

long enough to

know the value of patience, but even

he was beginning

David Maddock

Deciding just

who to drop for

Andy Cole, is,

suggests Alex Fer-

guson, a horrible

decision to make.

There is no man,

however, better equipped to make

it, and he will do it with convic-

tion. "It is obvious why I have to

pick Cole with the European

games imminent, and the others will understand," he said with his

usual insistence. Scholes is the

obvious candidate, but Teddy

Sheringham may be a surprise

choice to feel an unfamiliar tap on

United have made an ominous

start to the season and Ferguson

is keen to get as many points in

the bag as possible before the

ful partnership since they were

brought together at Upton Park

towards the end of last season. So

close is their affinity that Hartson

was almost delighted to miss a

chance against Coventry City on

Wednesday, when his header hit

the crossbar and allowed Kitson

"I'm glad Paul scored rather

than me." Hartson said. "He

hadn't got a goal this season and I

know what that's like. It can be

really tough." Hartson, sweet boy that he is, and Kitson, his grateful

to nod in the rebound.

Russell

Kempson

Strikers hunt in

pairs, so it is said.

with John Hart-

son and Paul

Kitson having

struck up a fruit-

the shoulder.



CHELSEA SOUTHAMPTON Today, 3.0

available as strikers, Gullit can afford to pick and choose, as hesays he will, from game to game. Another fine goal from Di Matteo at Wimbledon and a second in two games from Petrescu confirms that Chelsea's strike power Andre Flo and Mark Hughes all is not confined to the front line.

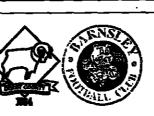
young Duberry has strengthened the defence and Lebocuf is also back in the squad after missing the game at Selhurst Park with a stomach upset. Against this panoply of talent,

The welcome return of the gifted

Southampton will do well to survive. They hope that injuries to Ostenstad and Oakley will heal in time, but Magilton will play after an injection in a painful foot.

- CHELSEA (probable: 4-4-2): E de Gosy -- F Sincler, M Duberry, F Leboeut, G Le Saux -- D Petrescu, R di Matteo, D Wise, G Poyet -- G Zole, G Visili SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones -- J Dodd, K Montou, F Benati, L Todd -- D Hughes, J Magilton, M Madréson, D Speciding, -- K Denes, S Johannsen.

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, extended highlights. RPREDICTION: Chelsea to win



DERBY COUNTY BARNSLEY Today, 3.0

short-circuited their match his team "lacked a cutting edge". against Wimbledon was "a With Barnsley still finding their Premiership feet, it would be easy disaster", Smith said (Derby were to predict a dour, nervy match winning 2-1 at the time), complicating as it did a stop-start programme, and 1-0 defeats a proverbial six-pointer with August not yet out. against Blackburn Rovers and Tottenham Hotspur revealed that

That, though, is not necessarily the case. Barnsley, whether being

MANCHESTER UNITED

COVENTRY CITY

Today, 3.0

Champions' League kicks off, so

Covenity beware. Their record at

Old Trafford does not bode well

either, just two draws in the 13

most recent visits, but they do

have the inspiration of Gordon

As a player under Ferguson, he

WEST HAM UNITED

WIMBLEDON

Today, 3.0

sidekick, should team up again

End this afternoon, keeping lain

Dowie on the bench. Most eyes,

though, will be on Rio Ferdinand,

Glenn Hoddle's latest recruit to

the England squad. Is the young

West Ham defender really as cool

when Wimbledon visit the East

Strachan behind them.

overrun by Chelsea or beating Crystal Palace and Bolton Wanderers, have played with refreshing abandon .

As for Smith, he can at last begin to relish the prospect of fielding his first-choice team, with Sturridge, the top goalscorer last season, Asanovic, the highly in-fluential playmaker, and Baiano, the £1.5 million recruit from Serie A, all on the mend.

DIERBY COUNTY (possible; 3-5-2): M Poom —
J Laursen, I Stimac, C Datily — S Branto, R van
der Laan, A Assnovic, L Carsley, C Powell — A
Ward, F Beiarno.
BARINSLEY (possible; 3-5-2): L Leese — A
Moses, M Applieby, A de Zeeuw — N Eaden, N
Redfearn, E Tinider, C Marcelle, D Barnard — G
Hiristov, J Hendrie.

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights. PREDICTION: Derby off the

did not, we shall say delicately.

always see eye to eye with his

manager, and one suspects vic-

tory for him today would taste

sweet. Coventry are worried

about the fitness of Gary

McAllister, who was one of only

three players in the Premiership

to play every minute of every

game last season. Now, isn't life

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable: 4-4-2): P Schriechet — G Neylle, G Pallister, H Berg, P Neylle — D Bedham, N Butt, R Keare, R Giggs — P Scholes, A Cole. COVENTRY CITY 13-5-2): S Ograzovic — P Willems, G Breen, R Shaw — J Sableo, P Toller, G McAllister, T E Solvedt. K Lightbourne — D Dublin, D Huckerby

TELEVISION: Today: Match of

PREDICTION: United to hulf and

pull before blowing the Coventry house down.

and cultured as the pundits

suggest? Is he really ready to roll

Wimbledon have made another

sluggish start but at least it is

better than last season, when they

lost their first three matches.

They then embarked on an un-

beaten run of 14 league matches.

made up of ten victories and four

draws. West Ham should be-

ware. Hell hath no fury like a

WEST, HAM UNITED (protable, 4-4-2): L. Mildosloo — T. Breader, M. Rieper, R. Ferdinand, D. Linsworth — J. Moncer, S. Lomas, E. Berkovic, S. Lezanids — P. Misson, J. Hartson, WIMBELEDON (possible; 3-4-3): N. Sullivan — C. Perry, D. Blackerell, B. McMissor — N. Ardley, K. Curnangham, R. Earle, A. Kimble — D. Holdsworth, E. Disku, M. Gayle

TELEVISION: Today: Match of

the Day, goal highlights.

PREDICTION: Dour draw.

the Day, goal highlights.

over Moldova?

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Robinson Channel has a lot to answer for. For years, it broadcast e best o

Peter

Italian football for an audience that believed that it, like Serie A. was an elite an initiated few that understood what catenaccio was and could pronouce names like Bortolazzi and Tagliatella without sounding like a punter trying to order a plate of spag bol. It could not last: managers and chairmen began to mutter: "They look good, I want one." And so it came to pass.

CRYSTAL PALACE

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Today, 3.0

Last season was just the beginning. Vialli and company merely an advance party. Last week, for example, Messrs Di Canio and Carbone were at Selhurst Park and this week Attilio Lombardo is back - plucked from the fringes of Juventus to star for Crystal Palace on their

return to the Premiership. Today represents perhaps his first true test, for Blackburn are running free at the top of the league with an Italian influence of their own. True Roy Hodgson, their manager, is a Croydon man, born and bred, and today represents a homecoming for him, but he arrived in Lancashire from internazionale. He will know all about Lombardo and is unlikely to let him dictate matters, as Leeds Uni-

ted and Everton did recently. Hodgson will change things today, if only because Filan. the goalkeeper, has a broken arm, sustained on Monday in the 7-2 thrashing of Sheffield Wednesday, and McKinlay is doubtful with a groin strain. Flowers, himself back after injury, should thus return in goal and Bohinen may start in midfield. Wilcox is expected to play, despite sore ribs. Warhurst will lead the Palace attack against his former club in a team unchanged from that which lost 1-0 away to

Southampton in midweek. CRYSTAL PALACE (probable: 3-5-2): K Miles — D Tutto, M Edworthy, A Linighan — K Musest, A Roberts, S Rodger, A Lorelando, D Gordon — P Wathurst, B

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T Flowers — P Valeny, S Manchoz C
Hendry, J Kenne — S Ripley, G Filtonit, L.
Bohinen, J Wilcox — C Sutton, K Gallacher. TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, extended highlights. FREDICTION: Blackburn to prove too good.

ON MONDAY

Brilliant insights or hopeless guesses? Check our writers' predictions against their weekend match reports



Hedkin The celebrated Shaffield West nesday band has. promised some new numbers in its repertoure this

season. The theme from The Great Escupe and Bring Me Sunshine have already been aired, but Don't Look Back in

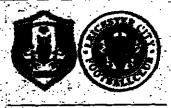
Anger might be more appropriate today. Both clubs have this week been involved in what are explic-

Football Association for offering to Hillsborough on-the-spot counselling to Ian

manager, has admonished Carbone and told him that he can't behave like this in England." Supporters are hoping that Pleat will also warn the little Italian about his offensive fluorescent green boots. Wednesday were 5-1 down in 23 minutes at Ewood Park, so it is no surprise that Pleat has called for "11 fit, brave men to restore some kind

of normality.

Wednesday fans, by the way, believe poor lain Dowie, of West Ham United is the least handsome player in the EA Carling Premiership. In second place, according to the fanzine. Spitting Feathers, is Giantranco Zola, of Chelsea, with Robbie Fowler, Martin Keown and, with



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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY LEICESTER CITY Today, 3.0

a certain inevitability. Peter mistically known as ugly inci. Beardsley, in joint third place dents. Carbone the Weine day. Marin O'Veil, the Leicester midfield player, was an or for the plane in the main an attempted head built of Kevin. Gallacher in the 7-2 defeat away form, though the Uefa Cup to Blackburn, while Walsh, the draw, against Atletico Madrid, has obviously charged with misconding by the ... more excitement than a day trip

Wednesday will be without Wright, of Arsenal. Booth, who has just had a knee David Reat, the Wednesday poperation, and Pembridge, who Booth, who has just had a knee has a calf injury. Walker will have a fitness test before start to see if he has shaken off a chest virus;

Leicester have a full squad available with Marshall back in contention. Claridge will join the other players late, after spending time with his father, who is unwell.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (probeble; 4-4-2) K Preseman — P Brondeeu, J Newsome, D Walker, I Nolan — G Whitingham, G Hyde, P Atherton, P d Cerrio — D Hist; B Carbone, LECESTER CITY (probeble; 3-5-2): K Keller — S Prior, M Ellott, S Welsh — P Kasmark, M Izzel, N Lemon, R Savage, S Guppy — S Clarloge, E Hasitey.

■ TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights. ■ PREDICTION: Low-scoring

draw.



Oliver Holt Some might say this is Liverpool versus Liverpool Old Boys, after Kenny Dalglish. the Newcastle United manager.

snapped up John Barnes and Ian Rush his old playing partners on free transfers from Antield and Elland Road respectively within the past formight. Both signings were seen in some quarters as indications of desperation on Dalglish's part, but he is a shrewder man than that. Neither are likely to start the game tomorrow, but Rush, in particular, has already shown that he can provide valuable cover for Asprilla when he is called upon.
This clash has a lot to live up.

to, coming on the back of the teams' previous meetings here. two thrillers that both ended in 4-3 victories for Liverpool. It is ing into form and it should be a high-quality game.

Liverpool, still likely to be without Fowler and Leonhardsen, should start with the same line up that played so well away to Leeds United last Tuesday. McManaman, left out of the England squad to play Moldova. had his best game of the season so far there and will run out in front of the Sky Sports cameras

with a point to prove With an attack boasting Riedle, who opened his Premiership account at Leeds and will be brimming with confidence, and impress as Fowler grows neares by one goal.

The state of the s



LIVERPOOL NEWCASTLE UNITED Tomorrow, 4.0

to firmess, the Newcastle defence is likely to have its work cut out. Nevertheless, although Pearce will miss the match because of the injury that he picked up in midweek, Dalglish's team will be on a high of its own after its fine, two-leg victory over Croatia Zagreb that was capped with the draw in Zagreb on Wednesday night. Asprilla seems to be nevelling in the responsibility he has been given on his own in 43 victories for Liverpool. It is hard to see that happening attack after the injury to Shearer, some but both teams are com- and Tomasson, behind him, is gradually adjusting to the pace of the Premiership.

The game may hinge on the clash between Ince and Batty in the heart of midfield. Ince's excellence and home advantage might just sway it Liverpool's Way_

LIVERPOOL C3-6-2); D James — M Whight, B T Kvarme, S Hertness — R Jones, S McManaynen, P Ince, M Thomas, S I Bornetoye — M Owen, K Riedle.

MEWCASTLE UNITED (3-5-1-1); S Given — S Howey, P Albert, A People — S Wasson, D Batty, R Lee, T Ketsbele, J Berestord — J D Tornesson — F Asporte.

TELEVISION: Tomorrow: Live on Sky Sports 1, 4.0.

Owen, desperate to continue to

FOOTBALL SATURDAY

England rejection fires resolve to work even harder

hen I checked my tele-phone messages on Thursday and heard the voice of Glenn Hoddle, I feared the worst. Sure enough, the manager rang to explain to me that I would not be part of the England squad to face Moldova in the World Cup.
It was kind of him to do that,

because I had not been in the squad during the summer through injury, and therefore he had no obligation to ring me. I appreciate that he took the trouble to let me know early, because learning from Ceefax that you are not selected is not particularly pleasant.

Glenn explained to me that the players who had come in during the summer had done well and that he wanted to try a few different things for this match, but he also stressed that, if I kept playing as I had done against Leeds United this week, I would soon be back in the squad. My instant reaction was one of huge disappointment. Like every kid kicking a ball around the street, I used to dream that I was in an England shirt, playing at Wembley. I want to play for my country, I am desperate to play for my country and not to be part of it is a

terrible, empty feeling.
Yet I have no complaints with the manager. I understand his reasoning. During the summer, Glenn told me he had absolutely no problem with the fact that I was forced to withdraw from the souad through injury. He said that he realised the injury was serious and had needed attention for some time. He also carefully explained that he had to be fair to the players who had come in. If they per-formed well — as they did, very well - then they were the players

our brilliant performances in Le Tournoi de France and I was very

Add to that the fact that it had been a very difficult start to the season for me and I did not expect to be in the squad. Things, though, are looking up. Liverpool played very well at Leeds and 1 am beginning to feel relaxed and on top of my game. I accept England selection is about performances and no one can expect to be picked without first proving their worth. That is now my single-minded aim, because I want to pull on that white jersey again.

After the game at Blackburn Rovers last Saturday. I sat down with a video recording of the match and analysed my perfor-mance. In particular, I looked



Blackburn and the goal I scored at

Leeds and the answer is I merely maintained my belief in myself.

because I know how important to

my game it is to improve in that

I work hard on my finishing

closely at the chance I missed during an important stage of the match. It was a good chance and I know I should have taken it. It was an important stage of the game and a goal then would probably have given us a win. Looking at it again, I accept it may well have been a lazy chip, it may have been too casual, too confident, perhaps a poor finish. It may well have been all those things, but it was a good save by John Filan as well.

That's not an excuse, far from it. it is just a positive interpretation. People have asked me what I did in the days between the miss at

more important is that you get your mental approach right.

Every forward has told me that they miss more than they score, but the art of goalscoring is to keep getting in there in dangerous positions and to keep hitting the target, in essence, the hardest part of all is to keep the mind tuned.

Classic prospect

It is Newcastle United at Anfield again tomorrow and everyone is expecting another classic. I don't think they will be disappointed because, if anything, this match has a more annactive appearance than last season's 4-3. That was not a classic match. It was a game we should have won 3-0, but almost threw away. This time, Newcastle are unbeaten and come off the back of a very good result in Europe. They also bring a different attitude to Anfield than most other sides, because they come looking for victory, not to stop us from playing. That is why this game tends to be an exciting one.

area. I stay behind after training with Robbie Fowler and work with There is also the return of John Barnes and Ian Rush to add even him on all aspects of the job. But it more spice. I'm sure our fans will is not as simple as that, because give them both a great reception training is a false situation. You because they were both wonderful servants to our club and, don't can score every time in training, forget, are still great players.

but it doesn't really prepare you for a match. There is only so much I was sad to see John Barnes shooting you can do on the practice leave Anfield a few weeks ago. To range, only so much work you can get out of it. What clearly is even me, he is a brilliant player and I look up to him. In training, he was

still head and shoulders above everyone else and all the players still rate him very highly.

However, he said the circumstances were right for a change and good luck to him. I hope they both do well against Newcastle, but not for us. In fact, I am rather hoping they don't play tomorrow, because it would be awful if they

came back and scored. I suppose it would be all right if it ends up at 4-3 again, providing we score the four, but I would much rather that we took hold of the match as we did last year and then kept our grip on it. Anyway, it is impossible that we could get a +

3 scoreline again . . . isn't it?

■ Celtic quest We meet Celtic in the first round of

the Uefa Cup, a tie that is, shall we say, interesting. There will be massive enthusiasm for the game among the two sets of supporters and I'm sure the whole British thing will be revved up once more. It will be an intense, difficult game for Liverpool. I know Celtic have not had the best of starts, but I feel certain that the atmosphere will be like that at a derby match and so the form book will go out of the window. We played them a couple of years ago and drew 0-0 up there in a pre-season game, so at least we know what to expect.

STEVE MCMANAMAN

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(Last week's position in brackets)	NATED .	PORTS	Soft.	w	╾┷╌╾╤╼╤			AWAY					LAST 10 MATCHES W-D-L	OF THE PERSON	
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2. MANCHESTER UTD (2)	4	10	+5	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	3-1-0	W1
3. ARSENAL (6)	4	8	+4	1	. 0	0	2	0	1	2.	0	7	5	2-2-0	D1
4. LEICESTER CITY (4)	4	8	+2	1	2	0	4	3	1	0	0	2	1	2-2-0	D2
5. WEST HAM UTD (3)	4	7	+1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1.	4	4	2-1-1	D1
6. CHELSEA (13)	3	6	+7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	10	3	2-0-1	W2
7: NEWCASTLE UTD (7)	2	6	+2	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	W2
8. CRYSTAL PALACE (9)	4	6	+1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	4	2	2-0-2	L1
9. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (19)	4	6	-3	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	1	1	2	2-0-2	W2
10. BARNSLEY (9)	4	6	-5	1	0	2	3	9	1	0	0	1	0	2-0-2	W1
11. LIVERPOOL (13)	4	5	+1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	2	1-2-1	W1
12. COVENTRY CITY (11)	4	5	-1	1	2	0	6	5	0	0	1	0	2	1-2-1	D2
13. BOLTON WANDERERS (8)	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	4	1-1-1	L1
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Statistics compiled by Julian Desborough

Blackburn revel in Rover's return

After a frustrating spell in the shadows Chris Sutton is back, older, wiser and doing what he does best



t is the high country that Chris Sutton inhabits now. It is a land of red-brick viaducts and green valleys. a swath of countryside where cars wait in passing places on single-track roads. a place where the great mills and chimneys of the industrial North give way to quaint small towns and villages of light stone houses, tea rooms and shops called The Chocolate Box.

In one of these towns, on a quiet street away from the car park where the tourist coaches stop. Sutton is sitting in a bistro. cradling the elder of his young, flaxenhaired sons on his knee, helping him to eat his lunch. His wife. Samantha, is sitting opposite; his brother, lan, is on his right. They are regulars here and soon the owner of the place pulls up a chair and lets one of the boys draw pictures on his pad of receipts.

For some reason, perhaps because John Filan, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper bought from Coventry City, had been hadly injured in the 7-2 win over Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the week, the conversation turns to Steve Ogrizovic.

He saved a penalty of mine once with his foot." Sutton said with a smile. "Must he a brilliant 'keeper."

"Ball probably never reached the sixbrother said.

When lunch is over and the restaurant has emptied out, Sutton sits alone at the table for a while, contemplating the return of the good times. Blackburn, unbeaten in the first four games under their new manager, Roy Hodgson, and scorers of 13 goals to boot, go into the match today at Crystal Palace sitting atop the FA Carling Premiership and Sutton, with five goals, is the league's joint-leading scorer, the

He seems to be playing as well as he ever has, revelling in the restored responsibility of being the target man, the role he enjoys most, the one that best suits his game. He has made such an impression that Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said yesterday that he had considered him when choosing his squad for the game against Moldova in ten days' time and



After a prolific start to the season and a mention in dispatches by the England coach, Sutton is enjoying life again as Blackburn regain the look of the champions that they once were

may still draft him in if another striker is injured this weekend. Sutton looked like the complete striker

chances for others, working back tirelessly and holding the ball up to redistribute it. His first goal, a curling right-foot drive om 70 yards, was the nick of the plut. Behind Sunon and around him, Hodgson has instilled a new confidence into a team that flirted long and close with relegation last season. Kevin Gallacher is scoring goals, too, Stuart Ripley and Jason Wilcox are running riot down the flanks. Garry Flitcroft is working like a Trojan in the centre of midfield and Colin Hendry is as firm as ever at the back.

Amid the euphoria in this part of Lancashire, though, Sutton is a model of rationality. The good times have rolled for him before and he knows their pitfalls. The first time that they bore down on him. when he was a carefree 20-year-old scoring goals with abandon for Norwich City, they brought screaming tabloid front-page headlines about his private life alone with them.

The second time, after he had held his own, and more, playing alongside Alan

Shearer in the strike force the newspapers nicknamed the SAS, for Sutton and Shearer, scored 20 goals and won a against Sheffield Wednesday, creating championship medal under the management of Kenny Dalglish, he was bewildered when he found himself left out in the cold at the start of the next season. amid rumours that Shearer preferred playing with Mike Newell, and asked to play in defence when he had proved himself one of the best strikers in the

> Now he is back up there again and this time he is older and wiser, better equipped to deal with the ephemerality of success and put it in perspective. He still finds it hard to forget ill-judged criticism - the fact that someone labelled him a "flop" a few months after he led Blackburn to the championship still rankles - but he can laugh at it now.

bove all, he speaks with a quiet thoughtfulness that is rare in modern footballers. He hates the fact that the increasing concentration on statistics, on passes completed, shots made and the rest is in danger of taking the spontaneity and

reflective rather than uproarious, someone who is open and approachable and free of the obsessive need for selfaggrandisement that blights the charac-

"I want to do well and I am very selfangry with myself if I am not doing things right. With the highs like the one we are on at the moment, I am on a fairly even keel. If things are going well, I know from experience that they can turn and you can

fall flat on your face again.
"Of course, having Hodgson at the club has made a difference. Part of it may be that when you get a new manager coming in, you are always going to have a honeymoon period with the euphoria of him arriving when all the players are knuckling down and wanting to impress.

play well and be in the starting XI. "That may be the case at the moment, but training methods are different this season. We seem to be training a lot longer and the preparation before and after games seems to be better than it has been in previous years. That is not being disrespectful to previous managers here:

going. We seem to be taking a lot more time over stretching, warm-ups, warmcomfortable and have the right rest and the team spirit is right. The difficult period is going to come in the next few months after the honeymoon period is

This season, though, the slate has been wiped clean and we are starting afresh. There is a different mentality at the club now. Everything has changed. It is a massive season for me and for Blackburn. Blackburn have had two years in the wilderness and I suppose people would say the same for me. We were always up against it last season, but now there is more of a feeling that our destiny is in our

Sutton, 24, was born in Nottingham but grew up in Norwich, where his father played for the Canaries in the 1960s. He joined the club as a trainee and was soon

invention out of the game. But he is it just seems to be the way the game is in the first seam and playing for England reflective rather than uproarious, some-1993-94 season, he was supposed to be ondowns before and after training, mas- the verge of joining Arsenal when sages, the food we are eating, the times we - Dalglish - paid a dub-necord fee of £5 eat the food, staying at hotels before the ... million to take him to Blackburn. He games just to make sure the players are all spent a night in the cells in Norwich on the eve of the transfer after a celebratory evening out with friends, but he was soon making the right sort of headlines again. blazing a trail with Shearer as Blackburn barged the rest aside to win the title in

> From then until the start of this season, his career had been consigned to the shadows, first by the idiosyncrasies of Ray Harford, who took over from Dalglish, and then by a series of injuries. When he scored a hat-trick against Aston Villa in Rovers' second game of this season, one newspaper called him "the Premiership's forgotten man".

> Now, though, he is very much back in the limelight, a bit thicker-skinned, ready to deal with whatever is thrown at him with equanimity. I tell him some people still say he is moody and this time Sutton just grins. Depends what you mean by

Mark Hodkinson continues to follow life in a town coming to terms with a 6-0 home defeat

Hurricane Vialli: the aftermath

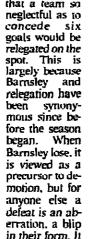
5 6-0 home defeat. It is a deathly scoreline, one that even non-lootball lans will recognise as surreal. "Didn't their goalkeeper turn someone lace their cups of tea at half-time?

Danny Wilson, the Barnsmanager, stead(astly faced the press minutes after his team had been annihilated by Chelsea at Oakwell last Sunday. Football folk tend to talk in euphemisms, but there was only one left for Wilson, so he used it: "It's not the end of the world." Make no mistake, 5.50pm

on Sunday would have felt like Armageddon for Wilson. This was, after all, the Barnsley nightmare: a team savagely outplayed, made to look slow, thoughtless and much worse - awkwardly out of place. "They toyed with us." Wilson admitted.

Since the game was played on a Sunday and broadcast live by Sky television it received an extra emphasis. It was like inviting the family around for Sunday dinner and forgetting to switch on the oven, an indignity turned into a sporting catastrophe. It was 6-0 everywhere you looked: Vialli's retracted foot, the net bulging, the clenched fist, red shirts and red faces slumped to the ground, again

and again. The hushed tones with which the score was relayed



is viewed as a deleat is an abin their form. It is almost as if Burnsley's presence in the FA Carling Premiership is seen

as a massive stroke of good The fact is that they are in the top division because, over the course of last season, they were consistently a better team than all but one of their peers (Bolton Wanderers) in

the first division of the Nationwide League. It might seem tart to mention, but on Sunday evening Barnsley were still higher in the league than, among others, Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa, Also, many commentators failed to point out that a 6-0 defeat brings about precisely the same points tally as a 1-0

delicit. The real forfeit is



this appears to have been fair-On Wednesday. Eric Winstanley, the Barnsley firstteam coach. shared some of the media duties with Wilson. A former player at Oakwell, he was not known for his delicacy of tackle and his prose

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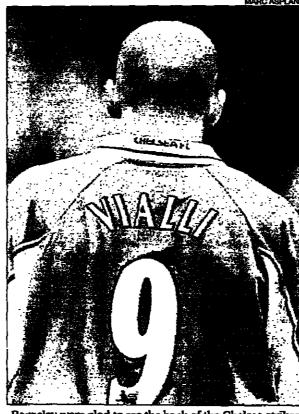
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brusque. Typically, death was mentioned again. "Either you lie down and die or you bounce back," he told reporters before the match with Bolton. Barnsley won 2-1 and played with the joyous abandon of a team that had merely read about someone being humiliated 6-0 rather than the team that

had suffered it. On this occasion, Sky was elsewhere, so the result did not have the same resonance. This will not cause them to weep into their beer in Barnsley because there have been a few too many cameras roaming the streets of late. It has even become difficult to find a gaggle of excitable youngsters willing to jump around manically over the shoulder



Barnsley were glad to see the back of the Chelsea striker

of a hapless interviewee. The exceptional has quickly become the commonplace.

While the media has been intrusive and intense, it has also been surprisingly respectful in its portrayal of the club and town. There has, of course, been mention of the traditional stereotype - the whippets, the pigeons, the cobbled streets - but in an affectionate way. Some observers have yelled that the town has been patronised. though this is a fairly illdefined charge. In any area of life, sport or otherwise, a

complimentary remark is often interpreted as patronising these days.

Barnsley, on the whole, has done extremely well by the media. It is a town that has its own culture, which is unashamedly home-spun. One lead story in the local papers this week was about Harry Potter, a former baker who has decided to spend his retirement racing pigeons. "I've gone from being a pie widow to a pigeon widow," his wife. Elaine, said. Pies, pigeons: this is post-modernism. Barnsley style.

Leicester City striker, and Ladbrokes, the bookmaker,

have teamed up in a novel "charity challenge" aimed at raising money for worthy causes. The object of the exercise is for Claridge, using his extensive knowledge, to bet on a series of fixed-odds football selections each weekend. Sadly, he drew a blank on the opening day of the season and he did not fare much better second time around. Two of his four home "bankers" — Middlesbrough and Norwich City — bit the dust, as did two of his four away "certs" - Charlton Athletic and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Perhaps the expectant charities should not hold out too much hope of an imminent windfall. Is Claridge not the player, in his who admitted losing a six-

Welcome back

figure sum by ... gambling.

Most intriguing draw of the Coca-Cola Cup second round was that of Reading against Peterborough United Hardly a clash of the titans, granted, but there should be more spice than sugar when the sides meet up. Two weeks ago, Jimmy Quinn, the former Reading joint-player-manager, had a few unkind words to say about Reading on the eve of their derby against Swindon Town. It resulted in Clive "The Hound" Baskerville, football correspondent of the Reading Evening Post, being banned from Elm Park. Though The Hound has now been forgiven, it will be interesting to see who he chooses to interview in the build-up to the Coca-Cola Cup tie. As it happens,



Expert analysis falls short

by chance, Jimmy Quinn nowplays for Peterborough.

Culture shock

Aljosa Asanovic, the cultured Derby County midfield play-er, was not a happy humy when he returned home to Croatia during the summer recess. His posh cafe, Le Monde, was apparently unrecognisable from how he had left it and debts had piled up. Asanovic's reaction, in Split, was predictable. He ranted, he raved, he threw a few things around — in fact, he went bananas.

Sticky business Pass-the-sickbag advert of the season so far has to be the one featuring David Beckham. the hunky, handsome Engiand and Manchester United midfield player. Slick-haired Beckham is the new "Brylcreem Boy" and thus, is fair game for the copywriter's most banal drivel. It reads: "One young player swears by Bryicreem, using different styling products from the new range for his own needs, "Wet Look" gel for training. "Strong Hold" for match days and "Modelling gel" for evenings out." Of course he does: how could he possibly not?

Price of fame

Word is spreading far and wide, about the Chelsea revolution. The gospel according to Ruud Gullit has even prompted Fraser Holland, 28. from Hawkes Bay, in New Zealand to purchase a Stam-ford Bridge season ticket without having seen the side play. His first visit to Stam-ford Bridge was to pick out the seat he wanted in the Matthew Harding Stand; his second is today, when Chelsen play Southampton in the FA Carling Premiership. Holland arrived in England only four months ago, but his new Earls Court buddies quickly persuaded him to switch his allegiance from Napier City Rovers. The Bridge seats do not come cheap, though -Holland's cost £375.

Noisy reception

Few matches can have taken place with such a surreal backdrop as that between Reading Town and Feltham in the Courage Combined Counties League last weekend. Concentration was nigh on impossible as ear-splitting music blared across the Scours Lane ground and a bunch of iunatics plunged towards earth from a nearby bungee-jumping contraption. The chaotic distractions came courtesy of the annual Reading Rock Festival, when the nation's Great Unwashed invade the usually peaceful

Berkshire town STRANGE BUT TRUE: 5 Pegguy Arphexad Leicester City's new French goalkeeper. has fulfilled a dream by joining a club in the FA Carling Premiership. The boy Peggny began his career with Brest.

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FOOTBALL SATURDAY

United to face old foes

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AT Manchester United's Cliff training ground, the excited chatter was transformed into uneven breaths as the draw for the European Cup Champions' League reached the transistor airwaves. Then, in disbelief, gasps when the names of Juventus and Manchester United were pitched together once

The supporters, standing behind the crush-barriers that separate them from their idols, had drawn a quick conclusion. "It's a bloody fix," one uttered, betraying the still painful memory of United's harrowing experience at the hands of the Italian champions last season.

The draw at lunchtime yesterday confirmed what could have been derived from even a cursory glance at the participants. With an expansion of the competition there will be no hiding place, no opportunity to lose three matches and still qualify for the quarter-finals, as United did

In this case, bigger is better, or rather, harder. Only the winners of each of six groups automatically qualify for the knockout stages, plus the two runners-up with the best records. Given United's group of Juventus, Feyenoord and Kosice, the Slovakian champions, and Newcastle United's even more mposing opponents, Barcelona, PSV Eindhoven and Dinamo Kiev, the prospect of English success in

the competition appears remote.

As Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, conceded, victory in each of his side's six matches must be the objective. The result of having the secondplaced team from each country in the draw is to make it even harder than last season," he said:

"We have got to win the group, it is as simple as that. We can't even begin to think about being second, because that is not a realistic option of qualifying. We have to go right from the start to control the group."
At least the updated format, with

its demand for victory and nothing Short, is a movement back towards the excitement of knockout competition. Last season too many sides, including United, played for sec-

The downside, of course, is that English frailty is likely to be exposed, but Ferguson believes, and genuinely, that his side can

EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE Group A: Boussa Dortmund (Ger), Sparta Prague (Cz), Parma (I), Galatassray (Tur) Group B: Feyencord (Hoff), FC Koslos (Stovakia), Manchester United, Juverhus (N), Group C: Barcelona (St), PSV Endinoven (Hoff), Dynamo Kiev (Utr), Newcastle United Group D: FC Porto (Por), Real Madrid (Sc), Rosenborg BK (Nor), Olympiakos (Gr), Group E: IPK Gothanburg (Swe), Beyern Munich (Ger), Beşidas (Tur), Paris Samfermain (F); Group F: Lierse (Ber), Sporting Lisbon (Por), AS Monaco (Fr), Beyer Leverkussen (Ger), English club dates: October: 1: Manchester United v Auvertus. (Rev V Newcastle . 22: Manchester United v Kosice; Barcelona v Newcastle December: 10: Juvertus v Manchester United v Kosice; Barcelona v Newcastle December: 10: Juvertus v Manchester United v Kosice; Barcelona v Newcastle December: 10: Juvertus v Manchester United v Roscastle v Dynamo Klev.

URIFA CUP: First round: Group A: Deportivo La Coruña (Sp) v "Austerro (Fr); Satzburg (Austria) v "Anderiecht (Bei); PAOK Salonika (Gr) v Arsenal, Whotaw Locz (Pol) v Udinese (III. Group B: "Ajax (Holl) v Maribor Branik, (Slovenia); Lyons (Fr) v "Brondby (Dent); MPKC Mozyr (Bele) v Dhamo Tollisi (Geo), Real Vellarobidi (Sp) v Skorito Rigo (Lali Group C: Vitivia Gulmarias (Por) v "Lazio (III. Sirasbourg (Fr) v "Rangers (Sont), MTK Budenest (Hun) v Alenia Vladikavkaz (Russ); Schalika Ok (Ger) v Haduk (Spil (Cro) Group D: Bastie (Fr) v "Banfies (Spil (Cro) Group D: Bastie (Fr) v "Banfies (Por); FC Ston (Switz) v "Spariak Moscow (Russ); Serandodia (II) v Athletic Bilbero (Sp) Group E: "Bordeaux (Fr) v Aston Villa; "Sleaus

EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE:

match the likes of Juventus this time where they so palpably failed down a street and don't know which door to knock on, but this time we know where that door is.' he said. "It's about experience and we have got that after being there

last season If Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, feels the same way, then he did a good job of hiding it yesterday, as he contemplated a draw that Ferguson suggested was the hardest of the six groups in the Champions' League. His response was to describe the FA Carling Premiership match against Liverpool at Antield tomorrow as more important, even though he accepted that the draw was an historic

occasion for his club. Unsurprisingly, at Anfield, they were far happier to talk about their Uefa Cup draw against Celtic who yesterday agreed to sell Jorge Cadete, the Portugal striker, to Celta Vigo, of Spain, for £3 million

- than the game against Newcastle. As Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager pointed out, it is a tie that places a heavy burden of expectation on both sides. There are similarities between

the two clubs," he said. "We were both the top clubs in our country and that is not the case anymore. They have had their problems and so have we. What that leaves is both sides looking for a victory that is hugely important to the club."

Newcastle and Liverpool, it would appear, will also be involved in combat off the pitch tomorrow. Massimo Paganin, the Inter-nazionale defender, is travelling from Italy to watch the game and will then talk to the respective clubs about a possible £3.5 million move.

Also in the Uefa Cup, Leicester City have been paired with Atlético Madrid, who spent £30 million rebuilding their squad during the summer, including the purchase of Juninho from Middlesbrough. "It's terrific, a fantastic draw." Martin O'Neill, the Leicester man said. "Atlético are one of the biggest clubs in Europe.

- Aston Villa will play Bordeaux and Arsenal take on PAOK Salonika, of Greece, while Chelsea meet Slovan Bratislavia, of Slovakia, in the first round of the Cup Winners'

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EUROPEAN DRAWS

scandals there is new money in the club, but it remains to be seen if the present team can take Tomorrow Torino begin

away game against Ancona. after mixed fortunes in the Italian Cup. They struggled to survive the first round against third-division opposition. 4-2 defeat away to Como in the first leg.

the defeat to tactics, instead blaming it on individual error. But significantly, in the return leg last Sunday, in which Tony Dorigo, freshly arrived from changed to a sweeper defence in which Roberto Cravero, the former international, played ly purchased Parma defender. Lorenzo Minotti, who had been struggling at the centre of a flat back four:

from Lazio, was one of the numerous fine players developed at Torino under a youth scheme run by the legendary Gigi Lentini, who has relent season with Atalanta,





Juninho has already proved a big hit with the fans at Atlético Madrid



Ronaldo, left, will be out to impress for Inter tomorrow, as will Souness and Lentini, the winger, right, as they begin the Italian league season with Torino

Souness knows the only way is up

tuew manager of Torino, it is a question of promotion or bust. Torino, impregnable champions of Italy until the Superga air crash wiped out their m in 1949, are now in Serie B and are trying to get out of it. After a series of financial

their league programme with an going down to an embarrassing

Sourcess, a former star with Samodoria, refused to attribute Leeds United, made his debut, he libero rather than the expensive-

Cravero, though bought Sergio Vatta. So was the winger, turned to the club after an excelExpectations and anxieties are high as the Italian and Spanish

league seasons prepare to get under way this weekend

here he was on loan from Milan. Lentini was at the centre of one of Torino's greatest scandals when Milan bought him for £13 million, but the fee declared was £9 million. Not long after that, Lentini was badly hurt in a car crash and took a long time to recover.

For Souness, who resigned as manager of Southampton last season, an added bonus during the 3-0 victory in the second leg was the performance of Romano Foglia, 20, another Torino product, who came on in the second half and scored twice.

Juventus, in whose giant shadow Torino must play, open their Serie A campaign. against Lecce, one of the four promoted clubs, most of whom, as usual, will struggle to survive. Juventus know that Milan. who have Fabio Capello back in charge, will press them far harder than they did last season. Already, Milan have heaten Juve 3-l in a pre-season match in which the spearhead of George Weah and Patrick Kluivert, newly arrived from Aiax, looked formidable.

Kluivert, none too popular with the Holland fans after his various escapades, has said that, if they jeer him in the World Cup game against Belgium next Saturday, he will not play for Holland again. Shades of a former Milan star, Ruud Gullit. This week a goal by



Juninho beat Internazionale in a pre-season match away to Atletico Madrid, who open the Spanish league season to night against Real Madrid at the Bernabeu Stadium, a match that will be televised live on

Curiously Capello, who won the championship with Real last season, has bitterly lamented the contrast between Spanish and Italian fans, to the detriment of the latter. In Spain, he said, a team can

leave its coach parked in the certainty that it will not be vandalised. Yet not so long ago the extreme right-wing Ultras Sur, who stood on the terraces in Madrid, scarcely discouraged by the club, were among the most violent fans in Europe.

Spanish footballers have withdrawn their threat to strike if plans to allow as many as six players per team from outside the European Union go through. They had wanted the number to be merely one, knowing that a ciub such as Deportivo La Coruna under a Brazilian manager. Alberto Silva, now have a preponderance of Brazilians. Deportive have ruled out the French forward, Mardar, on the spurious grounds that he injured one of them, Mauro Silva. in a training game.

A Ronaldo, is under increas-ing pressure as he prepares to lead Inter's attack against promoted Brescia at the San Siro tomorrow, Cesar Luis Menotti, the new manager of Sampdoria - Torino's next opponents in the cup — is scentical. Menotti, who as manager of Argentina launched Diego Maradona's international career but would not choose him for the 1978 World Cup, said: "At 21, Diego never went out on the street. He took great care

nother Brazilian.

and thought only of playing and improving, Ronaldo, instead, seems to have his head elsewhere. He should concentrate more on football and forget the narketing which surround him and can trap him." Menotti said that it cannot

he denied that Ronaldo is a great player, but he prefers Romario. "Inter should have bought him as well," he said. Together they form a couple to put any defence in crisis."

The match, which Inter are expected to win easily, will be televised by Channel 4, but Brescia have already embarrassed them in a pre-season match and the Interpresident Massimo Moratti, has denied rumours that their new manager, Gigi Simoni, is to be sacked. His transition to catenaccio is proving problematic.

What hope at Sampdoria for Daniele Dichio, who arrived on a free transfer from Queens Park Rangers, now that Jürgen Klinsmann and the veteran, Sandro Tovalieri, have been bought and Vincenzo Montella, so prolific last season. is already in fine form? "I shall be the new Mancini." Montella said,

Roberto Mancini, Sampdoria's icon, has gone to Lazio but that still leaves two stars up front ... not to mention Moreles, transferred from Menotti's last Argentinian club. Independiente. Dichio has made an excellent personal impression in Genoa. but how hard it will be to get off the

Scotland lose unlucky Jackson

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

DARREN JACKSON, the Celtic forward, is to undergo brain surgery. He missed Tuesday's Uefa Cup-tie with FC Tirol after suffering severe headaches and tests have shown that he is suffering from a congenital condition, hydrocephalus. The operation, which should take place next week, will install a by-pass to prevent the blockage of fluid that has affected him.

The procedure is carried out on about a dozen occasions per year in the west of Scotland and it enjoys a high success rate. lackson had the option of refusing surgery, which might only have become a necessity in later life, but he would then have been unable to continue playing football. It is still accepted that he will be out of the game for at least

three months. During that period, however, he may be able to maintain his fitness by running. The discovery of a neurological condition is distressing at any time, but there is a particular poignancy in the case of Jackson. who, at 31, has only just reached the highest level of the sport. He was, of course, absent from the squad

named yesterday for Scotland's qualifying match with Belarus at Pittodrie on 6 September.

Craig Brown, the manager of the national team, is particularly sensitive to Jackson's plight. Darren has had to struggle hard to make it." he said. "and you wouldn't compare his skills to those of a Jim Baxter or a Jimmy Johnstone. When we were based at Stratford for the European championship last summer, he always put in an extra session of his own after training and he worked like a beast. Nobody has ever deserved international recognition more."

Not even the unavailability of Jackson, however, could create a vacancy for Duncan Ferguson, the Everton forward. Brown explained this by saying that he has remained loyal to existing members of his squad, but it is likely that considerable obstacles lie in the path of Ferguson should he wish to return to the international squad.

He last appeared for his country in the 0-0 draw with Estonia in Monaco in February. Scotland have since played four World Cup qualifying matches and Ferguson has not been fit for any of them. It

would be premature to suggest that Ferguson, 25, will never be capped again, but an impasse has been reached.

Brown will be more concerned by other matters, such as the fitness the Scotland captain, Gary McAllister. The midfield player has a knee injury and is doubtful for Coventry City's fixture at Old Trafford this afternoon, Should be be ruled out, McAllister will face the fixture with Belarus without any match practice since II August.

Other members of the squad must take the risks involved in furious action, since Celtic, who have agreed to sell Jorge Cadete to Celta Vigo for £3 million, face Rangers on Monday. Today, Hibernian begin their match against Heart of Midlothian as leaders of the Bell's Scottish League premier

SCOTLAND: T Boyd (Celtic), C Burley (Celtic), C Caldenwood (Totalithem Hotspur), J Collins (AS Monaco) C Dellin (Detty County), W Dodds (Aberdeen), S Dorinsity (Celtic), G Duris (Cholesea), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rowers), A Gorann General C, Marcha (Blackburn Special III) seal, K Gellachter (Blachburn Rovers), A Goram (Bangers), C Hendry (Blachburn Rovers), D Hopkin (Leeds United), P Lambart (Bonassa Dortmund), J Leighton (Aberdeen), B McAllister (Wintelbodon), G McAllister (Coventry Cry), A McColet (Rangers), T McKinley (Celtic), W McKinley (Blachburn Rovers), J McNamare (Coloc), N Sulfiver (Wintelbodon), D Weir Heart of Midlothan)

Hinchcliffe may return

ANDY HINCHCLIFFE could be back in the Everton first team squad on Monday when they go to Bolton Wanderers to open the Reebok stadium. The 28-year-old left back plays tomorrow in an A team match at his former club. Manchester City.

It will be his second run-out in a week, having come through a friendly with a touring American college side. Now if he copes with the juniors, Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, could put him on the substitutes' bench at Bolton, one of the newcomers to the FA Carling Premiership.

Hinchcliffe has seen his England career put on hold after suffering a serious cruciate knee problem last December. His comeback was further handicapped by a thigh injury in pre-season training.
The thigh is fine now, and it was

good to get the game with the Americans completed, my first 90 minutes for 812 months," he said. I was tired and my knee was stiff, but that's bound to be the case. My fitness and weight are OK, and

I don't feel I am that far away."

Townsend signs up in secret By Russell Kempson

ANDY TOWNSEND could have

been a prime candidate for a move to Newcastle United, joining Ken-Dalglish's thirtysomething band of Stuart Pearce, Ian Rush and John Barnes. Instead, he chose Middlesbrough yesterday as probably the last port of call in his distinguished career.

Townsend left Aston Villa for a fee of £500,000, the deal being completed in surprising secrecy and with impressive speed. The Ireland captain spoke with Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, in Birmingham on Thursday night, travelled north with him yesterday morning. signed a two-year contract and then trained with his new colleagues. He will start as a substitute in the Nationwide League first division match away to Tranmere Rovers this afternoon.

"Andy is an experienced international footballer with exceptional qualities," Robson said, "He will be invaluable to us as we bid for an immediate return to the Premiership. We're very fortunate to have acquired someone of his talent and



status. Signing him shows our ambition and ability to attract top

players to the club." Townsend said: "I might be 34, but this is a great new challenge for me. The North East is an exciting place to be playing foot-ball just now and Boro will get my 100 per cent commitment. I have a lot of respect for Bryan and this was a major factor in me coming

Although Middlesbrough have played only two matches this season, they have yet to live up to their billing as one of the favourites for the title. They struggled to a 2-1 home win over Charlton Athletic on the opening day and lost I-O, also at the Riverside Stadium, against Stoke City last weekend. Even though Townsend's early form has been

here."

similarly patchy, Robson will hope that his arrival has the desired effect. Norwich City's exertions thus

far have proved even less fruitful. They have lost all three league matches and also made an ignominious exit from the Coca-Cola Cup against Barnet, of the third division, in midweek. However, Keith O'Neill, the Ireland and Norwich winger, is not too despondent, even ahead of an awkward game against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light today.

"We've got a lot of good individuals at this club, but we're not playing well as a team," he said. We've got to sort it out. It's just a lack of confidence at the moment and we should be alright once we get that back. It's a very difficult game against Sunderland, but, hopefully, we'll come away with our first league victory. We're counting on it - it has to come Soon."

Mark Robins, the former Manchester United striker, has joined Reading on a month's loan from Leicester City. Robins, 28. will make his debut against Bradford City this afternoon.

Hoddle happy to lead Wright's defence

BY OUVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ON ANOTHER day, it might have been about Rio Ferdi-nand and Emile Heskey and the exciting international fu-tures ahead of them. Instead, the hotel basement where Glenn Hoddle yesterday announced his England squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Moldova took on the feeling of a courtroom dock without the accused. The England coach was playing

counsel for the defence. Hoddle was forced to spend an inordinate amount of time citing evidence in mitigation of the antics of Ian Wright, the FA Carling Premiership's most notorious recidivist. at the end of Arsenal's 3-3 draw with Leicester City at Filbert Street on Wednesday night. a lot of people seem to have

pitch to remonstrate with Granam Barber, the referee.

In the two days that have followed his ill-judged but innocuous actions, Wright has been compared to some of British criminology's most celebrated protagonists, both real and fictional. Nevertheless. England, deprived of the services of Alan Shearer, are likely to rely heavily on Wright in the two remaining World Cup qualifying games, against Moldova on Septem-

ber 10 and Italy on October 11. As hints emerged that any punitive action resulting from Wright's latest misconduct charge would not be effected until after the match in Rome. Hoddle leapt to his defence. "Ian Wright has still got a case to answer," Hoddle said, "but

given the answer already. He is very much in my thoughts because he is playing extremely well. There are too many people who have jumped on the bandwagon of criticising him pretty quickly.

SQUAD

United), G Southgate (Aston Villa), G Palllatar (Manchester United), R Ferdi-rand (West Ham United), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), G Le Saux (Chel-sea), P Nevtille (Manchester United).

MIDFIELD PLAYERS: D Betty (Newcastle United), N Butt (Menchester United), D Beckham (Manchester Uni-

"I have studied the video of what happened after the match and there is not much there. There is no law that says someone who has been substituted cannot re-enter the pitch. He has not broken any rules there. There were about seven or eight other Arsenal players on there with him and Ian would probably not even have got a yellow card for what he did. Why was he

reported and not the others? "As far as what is done to discipline him, I cannot control that. He came off the pitch in a very controlled manner. The referee probably reported him because he is Ian Wright. Marc Overmars said things to the referee, too, but he is not Ian Wright. He gets picked on because of who he is.

"lan was provoked in a lot of ways. If he had run onto that

pitch and smacked someone in the mouth, then he would not have been in the squad today. But I didn't think what happened was a major issue."

Hoddle may find that he is criticised himself for having

Ferdinand: coveted

Arsenal manager, stood up for his striker, too. "There is an obsession with Ian Wright now." Wenger said. "I am reading about the chance of a 12-match ban, and if the FA do

that they will kill him, but I

believe they are strong enough

to deal correctly with this."

It would surely be more appropriate to give Wright a retrospective yellow card for his actions or punish him with a one-match ban rather than resort to draconian measures that would be pandering to a form of collective hysteria. Whatever happens, the issue all but obscured the chances given to Ferdinand and Heskey, the recall of Stuart Ripley

the absence of Steve

the temerity to defend Wright. made just 20 first-team ap-but Arsene Wenger, the pearances for West Ham United, has been given his chance because of injuries to others. but there is a feeling that this will be the first of many inclusions in the squad of a player who can become the ball-playing sweeper that Hoddle covets.

McManaman's absence, Hoddle said, was due more to his troubled start to the season than the fact that he missed the Tournoi de France in the summer. If Robbie Fowler, another Tournoi absentee, had been fit, he would also have been included. His omission, though, is an opportunity for Ripley, such an important factor in Blackburn Rovers' renaissance, to stake his own claim.

Ferdinand, 18, who has Steve McManaman; page 45





Liverpool v Celtic in the Vefa Cup and full draws, page 47



Under the

skin of sport

Wavering captain remains at England helm after backing from selectors



By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE conversion of Michael Atherton began at the Oval last Saturday evening and ended, five nights later, with drinks and reassurance from the chairman of selectors. Only then did a man committed to resignation take the momentous decision to continue as captain of England.

Yesterday, blinking and grinning before a mass of cameras and microphones at Lord's, Atherton spoke with conviction about the fresh challenge that sustained him. He gave every impression of someone who had decided in his own time. I understand. however, that he had met David Graveney, the chairman, the previous evening still unsure whether he should

stand down. Atherton telephoned Graveney on Thursday morning to request the meeting. Graveney had spent the week preparing for the unwelcome news that his captain would resign and arrived in London surprised to find him still procrastinating. For the next hour, the issue hung in the

Although Graveney did not apply coercion or ultimatums. his repeated assertion of selectorial confidence in Atherton probably swung a decision that so nearly went the other way. "I needed to know that the selectors still wanted me," Atherton admitted.

Graveney, having given the required encouragement and received the positive decision that he had always wanted. tors. Graham Gooch and

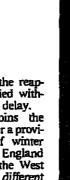
Mike Gatting, and the reap pointment was ratified with out demur or further delay.

Atherton, who joins the selectors tomorrow for a provisional discussion of winter plans, will now lead England on a fifth tour, to the West Indies in January. A different the one-day tournament in Sharjah in December and probably, for the internation-

pared for the end. The burden of four years in this most unforgiving of jobs was finally punishment was almost spent. didn't make a difference, I

made Atherton begin to resufficient reason to continue. of support from all quarters

After a night of uninhibited celebration last Saturday. Atherton went to ground. Until Thursday, the only member of the England management that he had contact with was David Lloyd, the coach, and even he was unaware of what



captain is to be appointed for als at the end of the tour. This outcome, much the best thing for the England team, could not have occurred if the final Ashes Test had been lost. Last Thursday night, after a dreadful batting day for his side, Atherton, 29, was pre-

showing: his will for further If I said now that the Oval would be lying," he said. "I'm only human and, despite what I said immediately after the game, it was a big influence." The uplifting effect of a famous victory, the twelfth of his 46 matches in charge,

think, but it was not, in itself, a Nor, grateful though he was, were the words and gestures enough to seduce him.



Atherton, who was within hours of resigning, can now look forward to the West Indies tour this winter. Photograph: Make Cooper/Allsport

would eventuate when Ather-ton met Graveney. "I had always said I wanted a few days," Atherton said. "I needed some time away. It was a tiring summer and I had to clear my head and settle some things in my own mind. It was a tough decision, but one I had to make on my own.

There were two questions ! had to ask myself: did I still have the same desire to do the job, and could I hope to get my batting back to its best while still captaining the side? I had to be sure of both these things

if I was going to go on." His batting was a leading concern. In six Tests this summer, Atherton averaged since he became captain in

1993. He is not being complacent about it. "I have already booked some coaching sessions with Graham Gooch and I will be working and training hard," he said.

Once he had resolved such considerations and received the unequivocal backing of

Graveney, Atherton could finally restore his attention to the ambition that had previously dominated his thinking - to win in the West Indies. "The main challenge for me is to beat the West Indies on their own patch," he said. "I have always maintained that we

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can do it if we play to dur f compete with any team in the world. At our worst, we are

not a pretty sight.

It was a case of either walking out on a job haif done or seeing it through. If I had given up, I might not exactly have failed, but I certainly would not have achieved what I set out to do. I might never get there. But I'm going to have a try."

In that, Atherton has the heartfelt goodwill of every rational cricket follower in the land. It was, however, a desperately near thing.

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Those Spanish sighs have hidden meaning

Why Ballesteros is making such a big deal out of

completing his Ryder Cup team for Valderrama

Then they first decided to make Severiano Ballesterne the Ryder Cup captain, you can't help wondering, didn't the smallest frisson of doubt pass through the deliberations? "Sorry to be a killjoy, but you don't

"What?"

"Look, whatever it is, pal, for God's sake drive it into the rough and we'll play it as it lies."

"Well, you know. All I'm thinking is, can we trust Seve not to, you know, make a bit of a meal of it?"

Well, they all sat round a bit glum after that and look what happened. Seve Ballesteros has had two years already to make a meal of the Ryder Cup captaincy, and it's turning into the Babette's Feast of golf. Course after course, it just keeps on coming. This is a meal the like of which has never been seen before. Funny that the most popular Spanish phrase in common English usage is Que sera, sera,

when it's an expression that the most famous Spaniard would rather die than use.

No, Seve is famous for many things, but not for accepting the inevitable, or selecting the line of least resistance, or sacrificing finesse in the cause of getting a move on. "I'm sure you didn't mean to change your ball just then, but even if it's in the rules, let's forget

it, eh? Who wants bad feeling?" That's something Seve has never said. "Sorry, did I cough? Then take your shot again," he famously failed to say at the 1991 Ryder Cup. Other sentiments we haven't heard from Ballesteros include

"Wherever we hold the next Ryder Cup will be fine by me", and also "My agent/my caddie/the American PGA and I have just agreed to disagree. Life's too short for

arguing". But, if Bailesteros is a drama magnet, it's to do with him being a natural genius and superstar. I ask you, how many other people in the world can make chronic backache interesting? It's only right that his Ryder Cup team quandary has been an issue now for as



long as anybody can remember, and that swept along by his endless eeny-meeny — quite sane people are now waking up in the night in a panic, with only a month to so, to draw meaningless intersecting circles on graph paper and sob. The suspense! The

suspense is killing me! As far as I understand it. Seve wanted to

request was turned down. Seve was therefore obliged to settle for two wild cards, and is now stretching the decision ("What if? But what if?") as taut as plano wire, partly to pay everybody back and partly to show what a terribly hard job it is. And that's why we're living through history-in-the-making. "You see, he couldn't leave Nick Faldo out, could he?" we'll say to our grandchildren one day, chuckling in our rocking chairs. "Yet look at Jesper Parnevik and José Maria Olazabal. Three great guys and just two places. What a situation." In biblical times, of course, insufferable grandparents used to tell similar stories about the judgment of Solomon ("Just slice the baby in half!") but we mustn't forget life was cheap in those days. Also King Solomon was never faced with

> and I didn't like it much. Miserable to find myself with a deciding vote on a book award, I asked to use the toilet, and once out of sight, attempted to climb out of the window. My advice to Seve, however, is that the longer he drags this out, the more his final choice will look wrong. Has he made a meal of it? You bet. And there is much, much more to come. But can we resist being sucked into his

anything as important as golf.

Personally, I've only had a Big Choice once,

drama? Can we ever? Dammit, we certainly

have four wild cards in his team and his



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Millions of farm animals suffer because of inhumane breeding policies to produce cheap food. Colin Tudge reports



The freaks of the farmyard

enegger of the cattle world was on parade this week: a Belgian Blue bull; a caricature of muscle more Incredible Hulk than Michelangelo, weighing threequarters of a tonne and with a fifth more beef on him than is normal. Typically, it was brought into the world by

caesarean section. Geneticists announced that they had identified the particular mutant gene that underpins its muscularity and, as they grow more skilled in genetic engineering, they will doubtless transfer it to other breeds. Meat should become cheaper

yet again - and farming yet more cruel. So where and when will we draw the line?

The muscles on the new Belgian Blue are hardly functional. They are not designed for movement; they are merely sacs of flesh. If children were afflicted with a mutation such as this, it would be seen as a genetic disease and a charity would be founded to root it out. just as there are charities for cystic fibrosis and muscular

dystrophy.

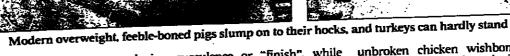
The Arnold Schwarz-enegger of the cattle extinct, but there are plenty of other wild cattle around which show that even the biggest are as lithe as light-heavyweight boxers. The gaur of India is two metres tall and can leap a fence of its own height almost from a standing jump. The fighting bulls of Spain, albeit domestic and small by the standards of the wild, retain the natural agility of their ancestors. But I have seen Belgian Blues, and other such pitiable beasts, at agricultural shows and they can scarcely walk. They shuffle round the show-ring, trailing their feet. To be sure, no farmer wants a bull that can leap like a stag, but neither should he breed cripples.

Such hugeness can be attained by several physiological routes. Some mutant genes simply cause certain muscles to duplicate: so-called "doublemuscling" as seen, for example, in some Charolais cattle.

Such a deformity is as grotesque in its way as two heads would be, or six legs, even though it is evident only to those versed in anatomy.

Other genes change the relative rates of growth of body





tissues. In young mammals, in general, the bones develop first - which is why foals seem all legs and puppies are all knees. The muscles develop next, so that adolescents of all species tend to be skinny but agile. Fat is laid down last of all, so that mature beasts - and people -"fill out". But to the farmer, muscle is meat and fat is

bones are a dead loss. So animals bred to become muscle-bound are obese even before they have the bones to support their flesh. For this reason, modern turkeys can hardly stand, and poultry handlers often break the bones of chickens just by lifting them from the anism is defined in the usual cages. When did you last see an mealy mouthed fashion, and

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succulence or "finish", while unbroken chicken wishbone? Overweight, feeble-boned pigs that should stand on tip-toes slump on to their hocks, while hulking Belgian Blues can scarcely walk. So should we all become

egetarians?

Well no, of course, if vegetari-

and eggs. After all, no animals are treated more harshly than dairy cattle and hens.

The genetic equivalent of the benighted Belgian Blue is the super-milky Friesian. Many already give 2,000 gallons per year - about six times as much as a wild cow - but they are now being bred to provide 4,000 gallons - with a little help from genetic engineers, who are fitting them with genes to boost their growth hormone. Such monsters must be milked four times a day.

efore these beasts can produce milk at all. they must first give birth, but only about one in ten of the calves is required as a herd replacement.

What do "lacto" vegetarians imagine happens to the other nine? They are, of course. slaughtered - and, since this must be the case, it seems almost sinful just to throw their carcasses away. It is certainly

profligate. From all points of view it is surely more sensible and, indeed, ethically more justified to

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allows consumption of milk raise them for a couple of years on grass and then slaughter

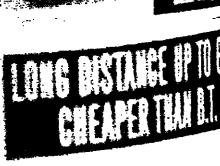
them for beef. The ovo component of the lacto-ovo vegetarian diet is similarly flawed. Modern hens are expected to produce at least 300 eggs in a year, which is probably at least ten times as many as they would lay in the wild: and doubtless the genetic engineers will soon be extracting even more, with less food. Old hens - which these days means any that are more than about 18 months old - are knocked on the head, just like old cows.

Taken all in all, the lactoovo vegetarians have hardly less blood on them than the rest

Should we then eschew all animal products, as vegans do? Not if we accept the principal of ethics proposed by the German philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), which says that we should do nothing that we would not in conscience recommend to everyone: and that veganism worldwide would be a disaster, both agriculturally and nutritionally. Of course,

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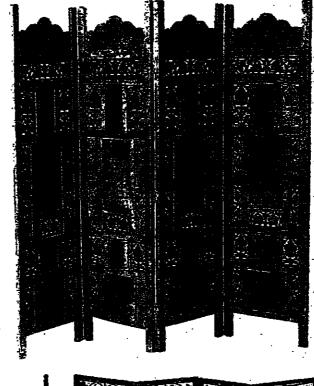
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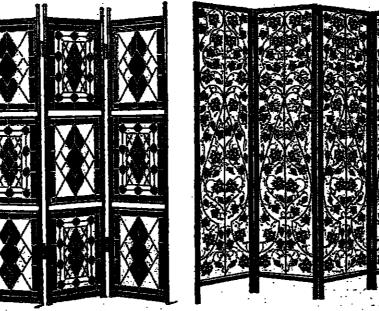
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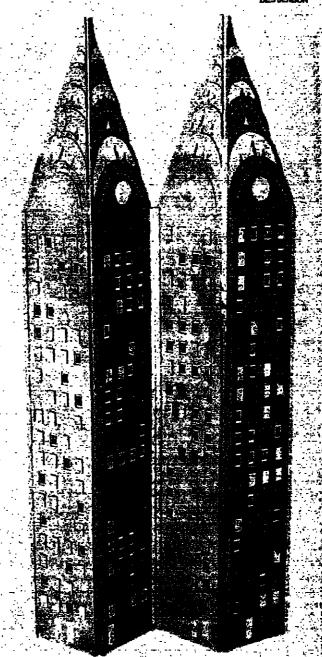
LEFT: "Elleen", a multipanelled aluminium and stainless-steel screen inspired by of the 1920s designer Eileen Gray, with articulating panels which can be added and folded. From the furniture designer Andrew Tye, £1,680 (0171-739 3451)

RIGHT: Made in India, a handcarved, four-panel screen in esham wood, in two sizes: 130cm (9215) and 175cm (£265). Both prices include elivery). From The India Shop, 5 Hilliers Yard, Marlborough, Wiltshire (01672 515585)

BÉLOW: stained-glass screen hand-made to order in any size by Philippa Hayes (0171-738 8819); metal frames forged by Dave Freedman of Iron Man Metal Designs (0370 234961). Prices range from £200 for a small grate screen to about £950 for a three-section, lolding







ABOVE: crackle-glazed finish Chrysler MDF screen, with resin windows for personal picture insertichs, by Indira Fletcher-Jones d Felicity Warbrick, 2850; Minx Design, 67 Great Western-Stu Great Western Road, London W9 (0171-289 5621)

LEFT: wrought-from, four-penel threside screen with vine-less and ape detail in black or green, £390, The General Trading Company. 144 Sloane Street, SW1 (mail order, 0171-370.0411)

'These sad, deformed creatures could be the final flourish of a grisly past'

Continued from page J we can produce ten times or

more protein or calories by we could by feeding that same cereal to livestock and then eating the meat. But this merely proves that it is profligate, in general, to give food to animals that we might have eaten ourselves. It certainly does not demonstrate that food production based totally on plants is more efficient, taken overall, than an agriculture that also includes some animals. Livestock can be raised on land that cannot be used for crops — on steep hills. for example, or in semi-deserts - and can be fed on by-

products and leftovers that human beings cannot eat, from pea stalks and straw to "tail-corn"

course, all-plant agriculture should be enormously productive, but no matter how bountiful it is, it would always be possible to squeeze in a few animals without substantially increasing

For most people in the world, too, animal products provide only a small propor-tion of the total energy and protein, and it may look, at first sight, as if they could do without them altogether. Yet that small proportion is crutial. Animal protein is of high quality and animal products in general are a vital source of recondite micronutrients, such as calcium and zinc. A worldwide policy of veganism (assuming such a thing were feasible) would sign many millions of death warrants.

Human beings are natural omnivores and, as such since hunting on a globally significant scale is an obvious non-starter - we are effectively obliged to keep livestock. But this cannot mean that we should give ourselves carte blanche to treat them without respect. We should surely contrive to raise farm animals as kindly as possible and then. after a life as fulfilled as we can make it, to dispatch them quickly and efficiently.

The key is to find out what animals prefer, and then to match the husbandry to their preferences. Although it may seem hard to read the minds of cattle, pigs and poultry, much of the necessary research has already been carried out. Notably, the late David Woodgush at Edinburgh University in the late 1980s showed that sows, when given the opportunity, build nests of straw for their piglets and raise them in family groups while the boars, commonly considered to be murderous, stand by in happy attendance. This is the kind of

Friesians can already yield 2,000 gallons of milk a year, but they are now being bred to give twice that amount

husbandry we ought to en-courage, and livestock should be bred accordingly. Berkshire pigs, for example, were traditionally selected and bred largely for their mothering - not to grow so quickly that they are obliged to stand more like bears than pigs.

At Oxford University. Marian Stamp Dawkins reveals the preferences of chickens by measuring the efforts they are prepared to make to achieve particular goals. She has found that they will work hard to find their way to a nestbox to lay their eggs. This matters more to them than the occasional sniff of grass that currently qualifies the farmers to sell them as "free range". In short, it is possible to discover what animals like and to treat them accordingly.

But meat, eggs and milk produced by truly humane methods of husbandry would be expensive. Present-day factory methods reduce the costs by several-fold - perhaps in some cases even ten-fold. Breeding brings the costs down still further: a Belgian Blue that packs hundreds of pounds of meat on to a skeleton like a clothes horse would almost certainly eat less than a primitive bull that was

Rate of growth is even more important than the disposition

of the flesh. If animals can throughput is doubled and the profit increases even more, since the fixed costs are spread over more beasts.

very incremental rise

in rate of growth. however, will mean that the meat will be cheaper for the consumer. Even so, if the cruelty simply led to greater profits for the food producers, we would protest more vehemently than we do, because then we could take the conventional snipe at the fat cats. But cheap food in Britain is perceived to serve a social purpose. It has achieved almost a religious status: a symbol of our enlightenment, of our innate humanity to our fellow human beings. Henry IV of France wanted to see a chicken in every peasant's pot and, though no one bothers with pots any more, there is poultry galore on every barbecue - and pork chops and

beefsteaks as well. In short we justify the cruelty by pretending that without it our fellow citizens would suffer more. Well-fed mem-bers of the middle class like me, who suggest that livestock farming should be humane therefore, that meat should be expensive, are seen



Above: the genetic engineers call it a geep - a cross between a goat and a sheep: a tough, woolly milker Right: broiler chickens are reared for meat, not eggs, and can suffer horrendous injuries to their bones

But what a fake that argument is. Britain is a rich country, and if there are people here who cannot afford meat, then this is because we choose, as a matter of policy, to tolerate poverty. Cheap meat is the palliative; we ameliorate the injustice to human beings by being even more cruel to farm animals. What kind of morality is that? Then again, even the most dyed-in-thewool champions of the free

markets acknowledge that the economy of agriculture has to be manipulated, if only because the product is so vital. while the productivity is prey to factors that are beyond control and yet are potentially devastating - notably the weather. Even in Margaret Thatcher's day, Britain's farming was subject to the entire gamut of state interventions quotas, grants, subsidies, support buying and all the rest.

The alternative would be to allow farmers to go broke at every sneeze of climate and that would benefit nobody. Because all the apparatus of

contact; it also suffers

intervention is in place, and any ideological objection would be fatuous, it would be relatively straightforward - if we cared enough - simply to outlaw cruelty, and to subsidise farmers and breeders to behave humanely. Most farmers would be delighted to be

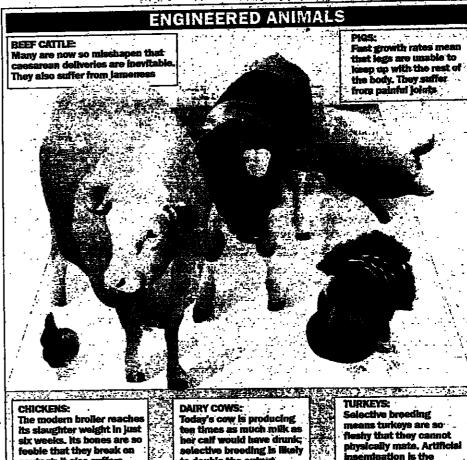
given the chance. Unless we-

call a halt, the cruelties will multiply. Genetic changes that have relied on chance mutation, and took several genera-tions to consolidate, will in the future be achievable within a few months by genetic engi-neering. Indeed, future engineers will be able to alter animals in ways that are without precedent by inducing the required genetic changes

right that animals in their first few weeks of life should be experiencing heart dis-case ... should be crippled by their breeding." The Farm Animal Weltare Council reported leg problems among broilers on nearly every farm it visited Another study found that 90 per cent of intensively reared broilers had a detect-

our sole criterion, then the: "Schwarzenegger" buil could be the symbol of the future. But we could go down the route of humanity, and then these sad, deformed creatures would represent the final flourish of the grisly past.

You pays your money and you takes your choice. ● Colin Tudge is a Research Fellow of the Centre for



Today's cow is producing ten times as much milk as her calf would have drunk; selective breeding is likely

shy that they cannot whysically mate. Artific



EXPERTS SAY

■ Donald Broom, Collect Macleod Professor of Animal Welfare at Cambridge University's Veterinary School, on rearing animals so that their bodies are growing too fast for their legs. It is like a child who is nine years old in weight having to stand on the legs, say, of a five-year-old." On turkeys: "It is unreasonable that almost all mem-

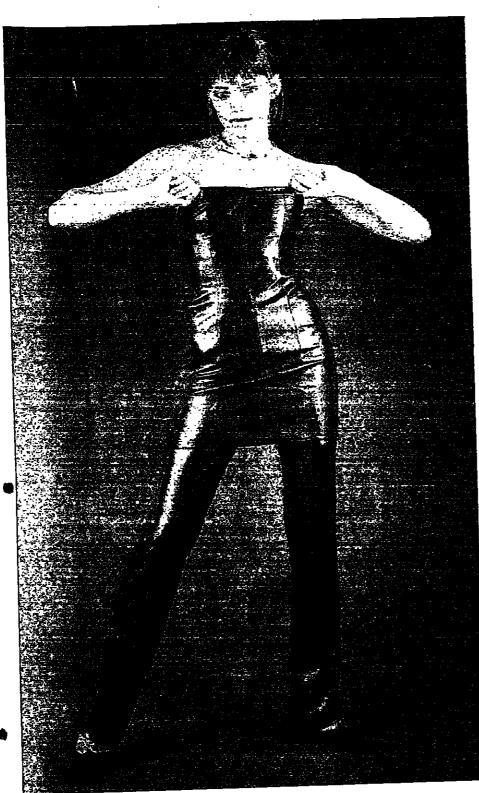
bers of a widely used breeding line are unable to perform a normal biological function like mating."

Professor John Webster. head of Bristol University's Veterinary School, on broilers "It is absolutely not

able abnormality in their

Don't put away your summer dresses just yet; they will be perfect with slacks, Heath Brown writes

Women who wear the trousers too



legs and dare not even think about wearing the or even an above-the-knee then this season's trend for teaming trousers with dresses is for you.

It is a simple combination Asian cultures. Diana, Princess of Wales and Jemima Khan have worn the look talbeit out of respect for cultural mores) and have influenced a new wave of Eastern styling that is taking on a modern

Designers Pierce Fionda. Copperwheat Blundell and Dries van Noten have all included this style in their collections, with sleek and elegant combinations, as well as those that are hard and streetwise.

Alongside these full dressand-trouser composites there is a range of separates on the racks that, with a little ingenuity, can be mixed and matched with your own favourites. . Whether you choose a pair

of soft, flowing pants from Marks & Spencer with a Sportmax tunic-style dress or slimline Morgan trousers coupled with a modern Ware-house frock, if you follow a few basic guidelines it will be a combination that is timeless, geless and will suit most hody shapes. It is a perfect style to conceal larger hips and thighs, although it is impor-tant to choose the dress lengths and trouser styles

If you are tall or have long legs, you should go for wider-flowing palazzo trousers, with



a dress hem stopping around the knee, which will accentuate a slim silhouette but not make you look too lanky. For the shorter frame, trousers are best kept slightly slimmer. with the dress stopping well above the knee, at about thigh length. This will avoid your

legs appearing too short.
For the fuller frame, it is important to keep clear of mixing colours too drastically. Darker pants with a lighter top will shorten and widen your appearance, while a darker dress will hide a fuller

cted branches nationwide trousers, £120, Plein Sud, Nace, W1 (0171-487 4484)

Silver torque, £14.95, Street, W1 (0171-529 9161). shoes, £241, Maud Fnzon, Mimi Low, 309 King's Road, SW3 (0171-349 9699)

LEFT: chocolate fine-knit dress, £35, Marks & Spencer, selected branches nationwide (0171-935 4422). Tweed trousers, £129, Sportmax, Ferwick, as before

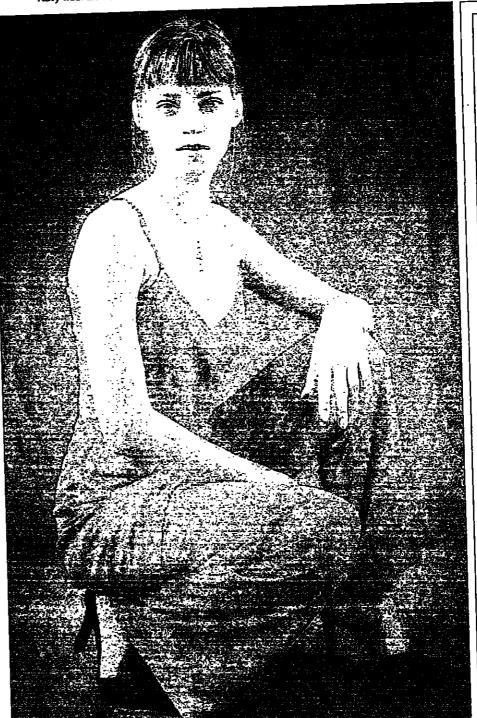
BELOW RIGHT: red jersey side-ruched dress, £40; matching trousers, £35, Warehouse, branches nationwide (0171-278 3491). Black T-bar shoes, as before. Gold and red stone drop necklace, £59: earrings, £49, Erikson Beaman, Fenwick, as before

bust but may be disproportionate to your legs. Darker shades overall are better and will disguise more. If you want more tonal variation, block colours, in

slightly differing tones, are good — light beige with camel, red with pink or silvery blue. Or, for a more Bohemian look. try mixing dramatic patterns. Dresses to choose for daywear are best loose and flowing, in lighter fabrics such as chiffon. For evening, team floaty, luxurious dresses with matching or jersey trousers.



Navy wool dress, £300, Strenesse, 6 Sloane Street, SW1 (0171-259 5921) Metallic grey trousers, £160, Plein Sud, as before: Harrods, SW1 (0171-730 1234)



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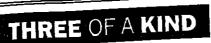
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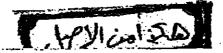
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GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

We have a 'Guinee' We have a climbing rose on the sheltered, sunny wall of the garage. In two years it has produced only two flowers (beautiful velvety dark red). Last winter we moved it to a new position, but it continues to try to make one long leader, even if I nip out the leading shoot. Just one flower appeared on a low, weak shoot. What can I do? - R. Vanderspar. Okehampton, Devon.

Did you cut it down low when you first bought it? That helps to get roses off to a good start, with several stems from the base. I would cut the rose down next spring, to 2ft-3ft, and force it to produce side branches. Keep these as a fan on the wall. Nipping out a soft tip on a vigorous climbing rose usually just produces another soft tip from a nearby bud, whereas cutting hard back into older wood stops it in its tracks. and its energy looks for other ways out, as new, main shoots. The following year you should have flowers on the side shoots which come off the long stems.

Earlier this year I was given a plumbago I planted against a house wall earlier this year is now a thriving bush 3ft across and spreading, with pretty pale blue flowers. However. I have a feeling that it is not hardy. What can 1 do to preserve it? — W.J. Raven, Chester.

A Plumbago capensis is from South Africa and not hardy. It is a little late in the year to take cuttings now, so when the weather cools down next month, soak the roots heavily one day, and dig it up with a big

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rootball and pot it up. A Zin-pot should suffice and, if needs be, you can reduce the roots with secateurs. also the top. Put it in a cool. shady, wind-free place for a couple of weeks to settle down. It may lose a few leaves but it will survive. Then it can go by a sunny window indoors, where it will flower far on into the autumn. This is a rampant plant best grown in a green-house border, where it has room to flail its arms, and where the sticky seedheads can fall without sticking to everyone and everything that passes by. Be sure to keep it cool and dry throughout winter.

I plan to overwinter my geraniums in a warm, dark cupboard. Is this possible, and when do I bring them in? - Roger Payne, Bromley, Kent. Lift them next month

before the frosts start

and pot them up in trays or individually. However, you cannot keep them warm and dark; if they are warm, they will try to grow and die for lack of light. Put them somewhere cool (40F-45F, 5C-7C) with a little light - a north window, porch or light garage is fine. Keep them quite dry or they will try to grow; they must stand still and "hibernate". When spring comes, gradually give a little water, then increase the water and light as growth starts.

Garden Answers, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. We regret that it may not be possible to deal with every iest. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. The Times also regrets that any Sprinklers are efficient, so why are water companies holding gardeners to ransom, asks Stephen Anderton



Gunning for the sprinklers

s far as i know. Diana, Princess of Wales has not yet ijoined the campaign to do away with garden sprinklers. But did you know that Southern Water recently held an amnesty in which people who were harbouring sprinklers in their garden sheds and attics could hand them in

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without retribution? And to encourage the offending owners to come clean, the company offered a free hand-held spray gun to every penitent.

Well now, this fascinates me. At the end of a lousy wet June. Hozelock, the sprinkler and irrigation manufacturer. was reported in The Times to be laying off workers, because

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of slow demand for its products. Now, in August, we hear that Hozelock made a deal with Southern Water to supply the spray guns for its amnesty.

Ten Thousand spray guns. worth £11.59 each, were given away in less than two weeks, according to a report in Horticulture Week, knocking the bottom out of the local retail-

Southern Water's community relations executive, David Williams, says the promotion brought home the message that sprinklers waste water".

Do we gardeners accept that? Not absolutely, I hope, It is fair to say that nobody would ever stand holding a hosepipe for as long as he or she would allow a sprinkler to run. Boredom is the greatest of all savers of water. This is why water authorities will permit people to stand and direct a hose when they have banned sprinklers.

The trouble with all this is that it assumes everyone has the same water pressure. I have friends for whom holding and directing a hose pipe is like trying to resist the embraces of a randy mamba: the pressure is terrific. And I have gardened in places where the pressure was so poor that an oscillating sprinkler simple refused to oscillate.

For a gardener to be hit by a blanket sprinkler ban when pressure is locally so poor would be hard indeed. When pressure is poor, it is a struggle to water those plants which genuinely need it. (I am talking about flowering plants here, not lawns, which can SPRAY AND SPRINKLE FACTFILE



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Duo20 sprinkler

always be revived and are not worth watering.)

If I have an argument with sprinkler design, it is that they are all made with good pres-sure in mind. Most oscillating sprinklers under good pressure will raise an arc 8ft-10ft high, and under high pressure even higher. They will also move backwards and for-wards much faster. Under low pressure they have only one virtue if they cannot water a large area quickly, at least they can apply water gently to one plant.

Even where pressure is good, you can always turn the tap down, so that flow is reduced and the arc is small. This is the way to water when it is in short supply. An oscillating trickle left under a shrub will put the water on the roots where it is needed, at a speed which means it all soaks

in where it is applied with no run off, wasting no water on the foliage nor pulling down adjacent herbaceous stems.

But it still takes time. A sprinkler set really low can take half an hour at least to do its job of soaking a rootball. Measure the output if you like, and see how long the hose takes to fill a couple of buckets at that setting.

outhern Water may feel it has struck a blow for its public image by encouraging people not to use sprinklers, but will the hand-held spray gun do the same job? I think not unless people are very patient about how long they will stand over a particular

It is all too easy with a spray gun to wet the surface or the

the roots. And that, as all gardeners know, is not good for the plants. It encourages surface rooting, which compounds the problems of drought, and it still leaves the plant thirsty. Give me a sprin-

kler turned down low any day. Unfortunately, most oscillating sprinklers grind to a halt at very low pressures. I found Hozelock's as bad as any. But this year, Hozelock has brought out a new sprinkler, the Duo20, which is designed to operate at lower pressures. Just when the company is promoting spray guns it has got the sprinkler right.

The Duo20 has a device diverts more water from the output nozzles to the drive mechanism, to ensure it keeps moving. I have tried it in several gardens, and it does seem to work. Whether it will continue to do so in old age I am not sure. Oscillating sprinklers, which are only just managing to turn, will some-times stick because of roughness in the drive gears, or a flake of limescale in the gears. Then it is necessary, and simple, to open the sprinkler and to let the water run through freely to wash out any

irritating particles.

Better still, the Duo20 has two kinds of nozzle. On one side is the usual arc of tall jets. in variable number. On the other are five gentler spray jets, which put out a blanket of spray over a much narrower area. Using this side of the sprinkler on low pressure or with the tap turned down, you have an excellent means of delivering water to a small top few inches, but never soak area of garden.

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Killerton: treasury of trees and shrubs

the house across meadows with grazing cattle sloping up to the wooded ridge of the North Downs, you can easily forget where you are. House and garden slumbered for generations before recent restoration by the Titsey Foundation and opening to the public. Around the house the lawns are shaded by trees, and at one end the grass is broken by double herbaceous borders leading away, with a rose garden to one side. The best surviving feature of the older landscape is the water garden with two lakes, one

feeding the other through a cascade and crossed by a stone bridge. But the highlight of the restoration is the walled kitchen garden on a sloping site above the house, sheltered and sun-catching; with glasshouses and fruit and vegetable planting to recall the Victorian original.

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Literary connections and beautifully arranged border planting are the two prides of Shandy Hall at this time of year. During the 18th century, it was home to Laurence Sterne, the enigmatic author of Tristan Shandy, and the charming house has been preserved to give a sense of his period. Beyond the out-buildings, low stone walls enclose one area with herbaceous borders around a central lawn.
Once you have savoured the view of the North York Moors and the romantic Byland Abbey, the arrangement of the plants ments attention. On another side, gnarled apple trees lead to the similarly enclosed but more secluded Old Garden, where old-fashioned roses are under planted with geraniums and other perennials. From here the quarry garden lies across a meadow, which rewards the visitor, with a picture of naturalistic gardening throughout the year.

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ME AND MY GARDEN: VISCOUNT LINLEY

should not bother someone with a pad in the Caribbean whose father-in-law owns a vast amount of property and vhose aunt is the Queen, But Viscount Linley still blanches at the price of tomatoes on Mustique: £5/lb. So he took seed from England last year and tried growing them and basil, also from seed. The former failed, the latter

So far his attempts at selfsufficiency on Mustique, in the house he and his wife, Serena, were given by Princess Margaret ten years ago, have had mixed results. His pawpaw did so so last year; it produced a single fruit, which ripened only when the Linleys had left. On the other hand, their limes, tangerines and oranges thrive in an area protected from the high wind, a constant factor on Mustique.

While there, they eat mainly chicken, rice and fruit - the locals diet. Lobsters are almost fished out and are eaten only on special occasions.

Lord Linley's gardening skills may only be at development stage, but his pedigree in such matters is impeccable. On one side of his family are Queen Mother (my grandmother knows all the Latin names) and Princess Margaret (also a hot gardener). On the other are his father, the Earl of Snowdon, and his ancestor Ludwig Messel, who created the beautiful West Sussex garden of Nymans, boasting magnolias, possibly the first heath garden and a fabulous topiary.

But his forebears' skill and passion seem to have escaped Lord Linley: "Unless you have your own garden, it is difficult to appreciate gardening in a way you will remember."

When he took over his mother's house on Mustique, he decided to turn the ten-acre, salt-drenched landscape garden. "I had never planted a thing in my life. We had to



Viscount and Viscountess Linley at home in Mustique

start from scratch. The first thing we did was to put in a watering system. It is an American one designed for golf courses. It is the one used by everybody else on the island, but mine is the only one that worked."

Water has to be bought from the Mustique Water Company and most of it is desalinated seawater. A thick layer of shredded coconur-shell fibre helps to check evaporation, and the ground is given a fillip by artificial fertiliser.

efore starting work on the garden, Lord Linley drew a vague plan" that incorporated his mother's swimming pool, "which I regret". In fact, he has made the pool an elegant focal point.

From the house, as you look out, I have designed the view so that you see only white and green. Then, on the terraces down from the house and on either side, the bright colours begin. There is so much to focus on from the house that I didn't want colour there, too," he says.

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spheres of agaves to the sea and tiny islands beyond. Now there is grass where once was brown scrub, the tough, thickleaved type typical of the Caribbean. And Lord Linley has planted three types of frangipani, including a white-

flowered variety native to Mustique, and Hawaiian

Potatoes with telitale blotches of blight should have the haulms cut off and burnt. Do not put them on the compost heap because the infection will spread.

Summer-sown cabbage, broccoli and kale can be lifted from seed rows or pots and transplanted into their final positions. Water well. ■ Ensure that all vegetables

have plenty of water, especially runner beans, celery, Florence fennel and M Start dividing irises over

the next few weeks. The bearded border hybrids of all sizes are best divided up into individual fat rhizomes. The beardless species such as chrysographes, forrestii, foetidissima and versicolor are best broken up into



small clumps of about four to five rhizomes. Maintain dead-heading

frangipani, which has creamy

It is not a very flowery

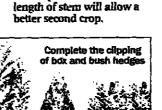
garden, and floral arrangements rarely decorate the

house; pineapples, mangoes

and bananas are used instead.

The wind is so strong here

of daisy flowers such as helenium, dahlias, cosmos and Shasta daisies (now



known as Leucanthemum x

emum maximum). Removal

superbum, not Chrysanth-

of the spent heads and a

From the sparkling blue

water of the swimming pool,

looking back up a long flight of steps to the long, low, white-washed home that Princess

Margaret built on land given

to her as a wedding present, a

"stick tree" waves hamboo-like

wands 30ft into the air.

Keep picking sweet peas for indoors to ensure a late supply of flowers.

The gardens are not particularly flowery, and fruit rather than floral arrangements decorate the house as "the wind rips flowers from the vases"

and built two pavilions in the garden from anything that

was about - that is why I

made the pillars for one pavil-

ion from moulded concrete"

One, on a headland planted

with a few cacti and agaves, is

a simple, rectangular, wall-

less structure with a double

hammock hanging beneath a

Take seed heads off lilies (unless seed is required) to strengthen bulbs for next year. Species paeonies, such as veitchii and mlokosewitschii, which can be grown from seed, are producing ripe seed now. Collect it as the pods split, before it falls.

Straggling plants of diascia may have the older flowering stems cut back hard to produce a stronger display into the autumn.

■ Complete the clipping of box bushes and hedges. Thristmas cacti which have been resting dry on

their sides in the shade can

be set upright again in full

light. Gradually reintroduce

cedar shingle roof. "The ham-mock is so comfortable that it is extremely difficult to get people out of it."

the master bedroom and bathroom, built on the foundations of the old garage, away from the main house. Folly building is in the blood: Lord Snowdon built one in his small garden in London.

The other pavilion contains

Lord Linley tried planting palms by taking washed-up coconuts from the beach, but that did not work. So he planted cabbage palms for their attractive red nuts.

Fired by enthusiasm for his newly made garden, Lord Linley then invited a specialist in tropical gardening to view his work. Crushingly, the only plant that held the expert's attention was a "weed" that had gone unnoticed -- a rare orchid with long white petals in an uncultivated part of the

Country Life magazine com-missioned Lord Linley to make some furniture for its garden at the Chelsea Flower Show this year. Sturdy Eng. lish oak tables and seats that can be left outside year round resulted, with urn-shaped decorations designed to have cushions looped over them so they stay in place at the seat backs. This garden activity has so enthused Lord Linley that he is now a member of the Royal Horticultural Society and a regular reader of The Garden. He and his wife visit gardens often: his favourites are Hidcote in Gloucestershire

and Heale in Wiltshire. Now, at his apartment on the third-floor of a converted old schoolhouse in London, he has to make do with a terrace the size of a dining-room table, on which he keeps 18th-century terracotta pots bursting with blue hydrangeas, miniature white roses and jasmine all of which come indoors when there is a dinner party to

decorate the table. It has taken a while for the little boy who used to spend his time playing in the garden at his grandmother's house. Royal Lodge, to catch up with his latent passion. "I loved the rhododendrons and azaleas in

my grandmother's garden. Some of the colours are garish. I suppose, but I love the smell

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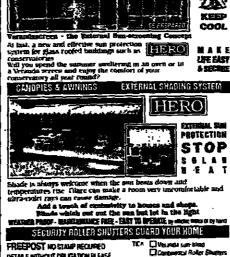
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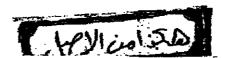
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That Millennium Dome plan: if only the Government could think more like good farmers and less like cheque-happy parvenus...

suppose it is none of my business, but if Mr Mandelson had rung me first before firing off contracts hither and thither for the roof of his Millennium Dome, I could have saved him a lot of

trouble and embarrassment. If only he had told me he wanted to get his exhibition under cover cheaply and quickly I could have told him he had no need of either German or American hitech operators: he should have rung a farmer. This is what farmers do all the time: flinging covers over things, keeping out the rain, taking them down when they've finished so that you would never know they'd been there. They offer cheap, speedy and environmentally sound solutions to transient problems, as

a spin-doctor might put it. I can imagine the scene down at Greenwich: architects and engineers tapping on computers, working out stresses. loads, environmental impact assessments. But put two old farmers in their place, and I bet they would look at each other and say: "We'll put a tilt over it" (farmer-speak for a tarpaulin). One would warn of wind, to which the other would reply: "There's some old tyres in

Here's the answer, Mr Mandelson the back of the barn. We'll spread them around a bit. That Il keep damned thing

down." To which his mate would reply: "But they say that's goin' to be a hell of a lot of people there and they'll all want somewhere to sit. The first farmer would pause, then turn thoughtfully to his son and ask: "How many bales o' straw we got left in the barn?" Fanciful? Of course. But the point is

that when something needs improvising and time is short, there is no one more experienced than a farmer. Some have refined this skill to the level of artistry usually seen in the best magicians. A farmer can take an old bedstead, three plastic bags and a sheep hurdle and come up with anything from a lambing shelter to a makeshift grain silo in 15 minutes. I have seen it done. The only difference between farmers and magicians is that the sorcerers have wands while the farmers have old bale string.

farm where all problems are solved by a cheque, not by appli-

cation of the mind. The farms where all the gates are newly hung, the buildings clad in fresh asbestos, the roofs made new with plasticcoated sheeting are caution: the culture of tidy, timid industrialisation has got a

firm hold. Or else the chap is a gentleman parvenu, playing at it. Instead, look for the farmer who has taken half a dozen discarded telegraph poles, a pile of redundant railway

DOWN TO EARTH because he is a tightfisted curmudgeon who will not spend an unneccesary penny, but because he has the inventiveness to look at what is required and to see the solution lying

my time. I can remember, when first keeping pigs, how I thought the only housing worthy of them was bought ready-made; built of steel sheeting bent into an arc, boarded front and back with a sliding door and ventilation slots. I bought one for £150-odd. It lasted six months. Powerful snouts burrowed

around him.

I have been both

kinds of farmer in

under the frame and deformed it, causing the bolts to twist and eventually rust through. The sheeting then exercised its natural instincts to straighten out, and then the ventilation holes would not close causing draughts, which pigs hate. I tried sticking plastic bags over them, but they invariably blew away.

The next time I wanted to house a few pigs. I kept my money in pocket and picked up a sledge hammer instead. I drove half a dozen stakes into the ground in the shape of the house I wanted to build, piled bales of straw against them, then drove more stakes around the outside to keep them in place. Total cost so far, about a tenner.

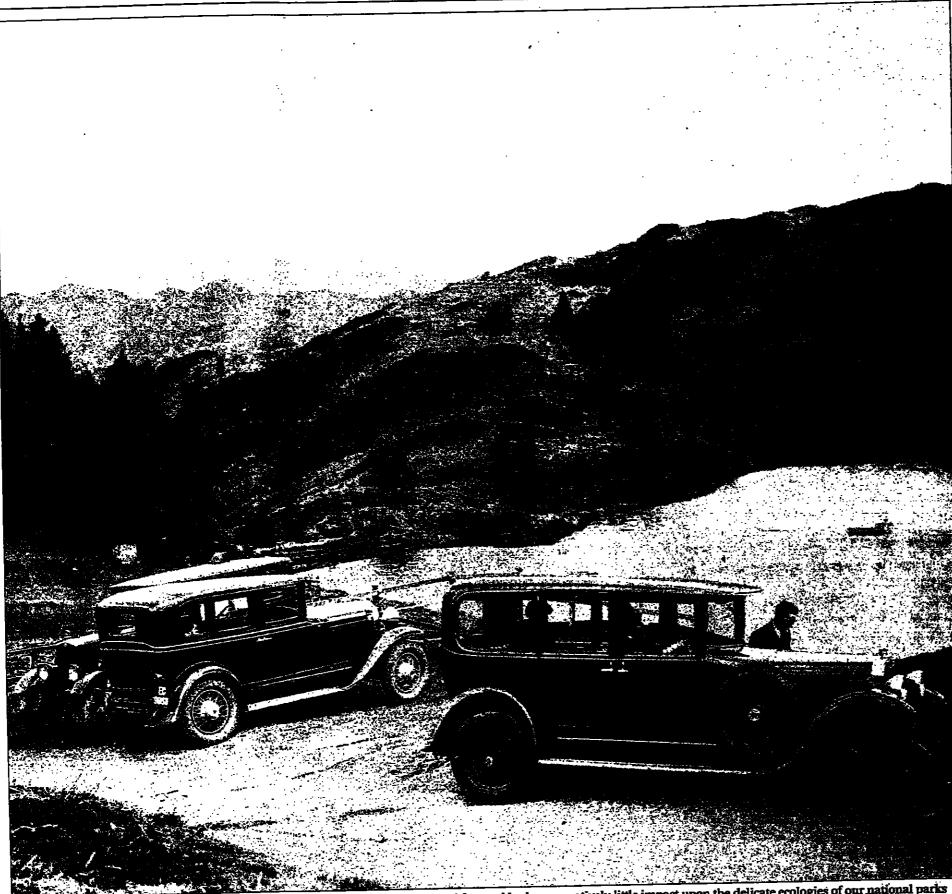
To crown this glorious creation, nothing Tellon-coated or German but a sheet of good old corrugated iron which, to any... connoisseur of agricultural architecture, is as much a signature as exposed pipework is to Sir Richard Rogers. I

didn't care what anyone else thought my pig hur looked like; farmers never do. Instead, I waited for the pigs' vote. Needless to say, it was acclaimed. Not only did the straw "breathe" in a way a solid wall never could, the pigs soon learned that this was a resource which they could pluck at to make bedding and shelter. If they plucked too much, you just slotted in a new bale, like Lego. And when the pigs were gone, I took only five minutes' work to remove the stakes and another five to break open the bales and use them to litter the yard, where the

horses lived. Are not all these qualities durability, transportability and affordability what the debate over the Millennium Dome is all about? They tell us it ought to be cheap (well, Clare Short does) and Mr. Mandelson wants to take it down and move it around the country when it has: done its duty at Greenwich.

I admit bales may not be the complete answer, but cannot help suspecting that the Government would be spending its time and our money better if it learns to think more like good farmers, and less like cheque-happy parvenus.

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Lakeland leisure motoring, 1930s-style, was a pastime enjoyed by the privileged few and had comparatively little impact upon the delicate ecologies of our national parks

Park space runs out for cars

n 1930 an unnamed car-spotter stood on the Whitby to Pickering road counting the cars pootling along the Al69. On an average day in August he saw 630 vehicles coming to enjoy the spectacular landscape of the North Yorkshire moors and their pretty, uncongested

Nearly 70 years on, the level of traffic roaring through the area has risen more than tenfold to nearly 8,000 vehicles a day.

The sheer volume of drivers pouring into the ten national parks of England and Wales is triggering growing levels of alarm among villagers and officials who look after these natural jewels.

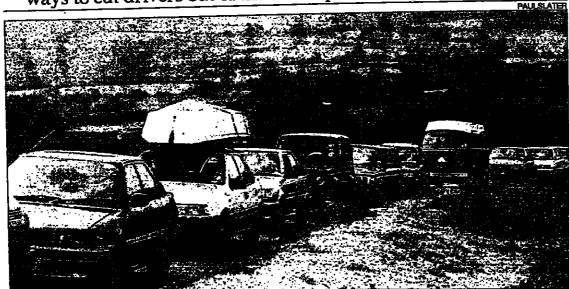
Bill Breakell, tourism and transport officer at North Yorkshire Moors National Park, says people living in the area now rank cars as their number one concern - well above litter and visitor numbers. "Instead of people seeing open space, they are confronted with miles of metal cans on wheels," he says.

"Most visitors come to the national parks for landscape, peace and tranquillity. This is lost if it is not a national park but a national car

Mr Breakell says the influx is polluting the moorland air, and scientists believe there are other subtle impacts: traffic noise can wreck songbirds' mating rites, and nitrogen gases from exhausts may be altering the heathland ecology.

North Yorkshire is now attempting to turn back the clock, and has unveiled a ground-breaking scheme to boost the use of public rather than private transport. Visitors who come

Motorists flocking to national beauty spots are ruining the very an hour, or in some cases a week it environments they come to see. Now the parks are planning ways to cut drivers out of the scenic picture, says Nick Nuttall



National park traffic is now at crisis levels, but new measures may coax motorists into using their feet

into the park on the Esk valley railway line will be given a £2 daily bus pass, free. Mr Breakell says the key to the project is its investment in frequent, high-quality buses to run on a 150-mile network. Other, toughmeasures will be unveiled for all the national parks in the autumn. These include tighter speed limits to reduce traffic noise and a campaign against the widening of minor roads. Semior parks officials say that success depends upon getting the Government to change its policy on funding rural transport schemes. Currently parks and local councils can bid for money for capital investments such as bus lanes and trafficcalming. But they need revenue schemes to pay for improved bus and train services. Government backing for these projects, however, is currently harder to secure under existing

Martin Fitton, National Parks officer for the Brecon Beacons in Wales, and chairman of the All-Parks Transport Awareness Group, says the anomaly must be addressed: "We have got the situation where we can bid for funds to get a bus lane but not have the revenue to run it.

People are simply not going to switch from their cars unless they can be certain that the public transport will run regularly and on time. If

will not work."

will not work."

He says that a new report, partfunded by the Countryside Commission, will outline plans to cut the
speed limits on most roads running
through parks, from 60mph to
40mph. The proposal mirrors pilot
schemes in the New Forest, and in
Doctmoor National Park Dartmoor National Park.

He adds that the new strategy. which involves local authority highways agencies, will ensure that minor roads are not widened to accommodate more cars except in exceptional cirumstances.

The strategy will also aim to get people out of their cars for up to an hour by encouraging motorists to walk or cycle to scenic and historic sites within a one-mile radius of their vehicles. More visitor information, bicycle-hire facilities and cycle paths will be needed to achieve this.

Several parks authorities are also drafting plans to contain growth in car numbers. John Baker, of Yorkshire Dales National Park, says that the authorities had agreed to introduce schemes to keep car numbers at the levels recorded in 1994. The park receives 8.3 million visitors a year. and the figure is growing by around 3 per cent annually.

But mightn't this latest anti-car campaign provoke hostility? Sir Chris Bonington, president of the Council of National Parks, says it is a necessary risk: "The outcome is not going to please everyone, and some protests are inevitable," says the mountaineer. "But we need to find the fairest and most acceptable way. There has to be some sort of balance.

Pipits love to have a lark

FEATHER REPORT

BY THE end of August, large numbers of birds are on the move south, but for the most part they slip through the countryside inconspicuously. In fact, the whole saga of autumn migration passes practically unnoticed by human beings. However, one bird that draws attention to itself as it flies overhead is the

meadow pipit.

It is a bird of rough pastures and moorland, where it keeps company with skylarks, and it used to be known as the "tiflark", or little lark. It is a small, streaky, brown bird with a longish tail — related to . the wagtails - and it has a distinctive note and way of flying. Its call-note is a weak seep, seep-seep, unexiting, yet unmistakable when you get to know it. The migrating flocks use this call as they go. and when you look up you see that characteristic flight — a kind of seesaw action, with the birds constantly dropping down as if they were ured,

then climbing again.
In summer they are common on the heather moors and hillsides, and like many birds of treeless landscapes, they fly into the sky and sing to they glide down, their song peters out. They build their nests under tussocks of heath-

er or grass. There are two other breeding pipits in Britain, the tree pipit and the rock pipit. All three species were often lumped together as "titlarks" until the 18th century, and it was not until the mid-19th century that they acquired their present names. Tree pipits, which are exclusively summer

edge of woodlands. They have a rather similar song flight to the meadow pipit's, but climb and parachute down to another one. Rock pipits haunt the coasts, feeding on the shore and breeding on the cliffs. In St Malo I have seen them at the top of the cliffs in the municipal gardens.

However, the meadow pipit is by far the most common species, and vast numbers come down from northern Europe in autumn. Many pass through Britain and others stay for winter. By mid-September they will be arriving steadily on the east coast.

THE British breeding birds come down from the hills, but it is not known how many of 3 them stay in the lowlands or how many go farther south. At any rate, there are plenty of meadow pipits around in the fields in winter.

They feed on the ground, where they have a rather bent posture, and creep about like mice on flexed legs. If you get a good view of them, you can see the "necklace" of dots on either side of their breast. But you see them more often when you announce ownership of the disturb them. They fly up with land below. As they go up, the familiar call-note and, in their notes get faster, and as their jerky way, seem to be the familiar call-note and, in going step by step up an invisible ladder into the sky.

DERWENT MAY

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ON THE SPOT: WASDALE, CUMBRIA

Rural recommendations

The place: St Olaf churchyard, Wasdale Head, Cumbria The view: to the north stands Kirk Fell, south is majestic Scafell Pike and to the east the Great Gable and its beck. The appeal: it has England's deepest lake and highest mountain and some of the country's best scenery.

Historical interest the church is reputed to be the smallest parish church in England and gets its name from the beams which are thought to have come from Viking ships. It is also the home of British rock-climbing.

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DEBORAH KING



If you're thinking really big about a London pad, Katherine Bergen has discovered the perfect answer



Vast is the only word to describe Julian Metcalfe's open-plan studio reception room and combined kitchen area measuring an overall 60ft 3in by 23ft with a high ceiling

Sandwich man's tasty filling

There is something fa-miliar about the kitchen in Julian Metcalfe's vast south London house. Streamlined and stainless steel it looks very like the interior of one of the hugely successful Pret a Manger sandwich shops which have made him a great deal of Delicacy, however, forbade

me from peering in the fridge to see if was stuffed full of chicken and avocado sandwiches on brown bread or pastrami and pickle on rye. Whatever Mr Metcalfe chooses to eat at his dining room table, it can easily seat 12 people, perhaps up to 18 if one chose to use less chunky chairs than the comfortable but large wicker ones presently sur-rounding it. Although, as this is a loft-style house, there is not exactly a dining room.

one vast reception room. It is more than 60ft long with very high ceilings and divided roughly into three areas, with the kitchen at one end, the dining area in the middle and the sitting area at the other end. It is the kind of space that

more a dining space within



the most doughty of dailies Mopps would be needed to keep the 7,000 square feet of the property gleaming.

Mr Metcalfe has managed

to avoid the almost inevitable "uncluttered" look that these dimensions usually dictate. In spite of its size, this room is positively cosy. He has not resorted to gargantuan pieces of furniture or artworks. He has gone, rather, for quantity. Potentially intimidating ex-panses of wall have been fetchingly hung with dozens of paintings, books are heaped on coffee tables and brightly



Main bedroom with two bathrooms and dressing rooms

coloured rugs cover the wood-

The master bedroom upstairs bears comparison to this room in terms of its size. It is as large as a small church. Not everyone would want to sleep in a space this big. The curtains around the large fourposter bed look as if they

might be security blankets in this cavern of a room. The only other piece of furniture is a rather strange black leather chaise longue which looks unnervingly like a psychiatrist's couch

The colours, in contrast to the vibrant reception room, are cool with unadorned white

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

No 7 William Blake House, The Lanterns, Bridge Lane, London SW11 Price: £1,650,000, with

lylsford (0171-351 2383) Advantages: With a 60ft loft, lack of storage space will not be

Disadvantages: Expensive to heat and hell to clean. Windowcleaning might be pricey.

is not kind to bare feet). The only splash of colour is a rich claret-coloured curtain draped theatrically over the doorway. You would never fall over each other in this room. There are even his (red) and hers (turquoise) bathrooms and two fressing rooms. I can reveal that Mr Metcalie has an

exciting number of shoes. If this is not enough bedroom, a staircase leads up to a gallery. You could do a good Romeo and Juliet balcony scene from here, or even a spot of bungee jumping. It would probably make a good study if you could resist being diswhich runs the entire length of the building, is through a trapdoor from this gallery. As the house itself is likely to absorb any amount of spare furniture thrown at it, there could be more creative uses for this space than mere storage. Think personal gym or artist's

There are six other bedrooms, much more modest, than this, as well as a playroom or second sitting room. One of the bedrooms has very low metal beams and might be most suitable for the smallest member of the family. In fact, you could house a large family in this section of the house and never know they were there. There is kitchen.

But it is difficult to get as excited about these rooms, robbed as they are of the breathtaking dimensions of the master bedroom and main room downstairs.

It was encouraging then, to discover that the parking arrangements for the house are not niggardly. Back on a lavish scale, there is off-street parking for seven cars. Agent: Aylesford, 0171-351 2383

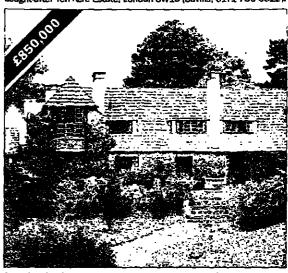


report from the Land Registry published this Wednesday proves that

the Eighties are officially back. The report shows the extent to which the property boom is spreading from London to the shires, with house prices rising in England and Wales on average by 8.9 per cent. Prices in the areas detailed below (London, East Sussex and Hertfordshire) show some of the most dramatic rises. Kensington and Chelsea is now confirmed as the most expensive borough in London with average house prices of £272,000; and East Sus rise by 16.5 per cent over the past year. "Buyers are finding very little St Albans Office, "and are having to look in Buckinghamshire." As a with prices for an average home rising from around £93,000 to just over £116,000. The average price for a farmhouse in the county is £700,000, and there is said to be a shortage of good property in the £400,000 to £800,000 bracket across the country due to the



For £865,000 you could buy this five-bedroom period terraced house



Swap London for Hertfordshire and you could afford Daneswood, a superb six-bedroom Grade II listed Arts and Crafts house in 21 acres a Bishop's Stortford. The price (£850,000) includes a self-



in East Sussex, the same sum (£850,000) will produce Flimwell of wooded gardens, paddock and vineyard, set on high ground overlooking Bewl Water, It comes with a separate two-be anneve, garaging, heated swimming pool and hard tennis court

CHERYL TAYLOR

DREAM HOMES OF THE ENTREPRENEURS



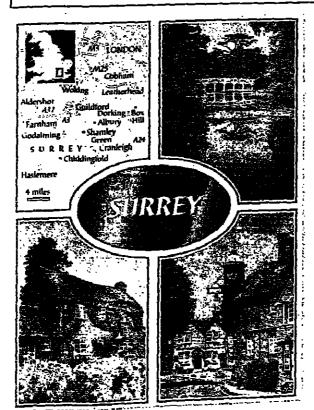
ANN GLOAG, joint boss of the Perthshire-based Stagecoach, is the proud owner of Beaufort Castle, once the ancestral home of the Frasers of Lovat. It was bought for El.3 million in 1995. Gloag divides her time between the 24-bedroom Victorian Gothic castle, in Beauly, Inverness-shire, and the family home — a former hotel nearby.



CHARLES DUNSTONE, founder and owner of The Carphone Warehouse, lives alone in a threebedroom Victorian terrace. A huge aluminium spiral staircase dominates the four storeys, including the large first-floor sitting room, which opens on to a south-facing garden. Neighbouring properties fetch as much as £575,000.



JAMES DYSON, inventor of the Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner and founder of Dyson Appliances, lives in the former home of Sir David Puttnam, the film director. Bought for £3 million before Christmas, the 17th-century country property stands in 40 acres on the banks of the River Avon, close to the village of Little Somerford.



PROPERTY PROFILE: SURREY

Attractions: despite its rather dour image as the Stockbroker Belt, Surrey, particularly beyond the M2S, is surprisingly wooded and rural. Box Hill near Dorking, the North Downs and the many acres of National Trust common land in west Surrey make for a pleasant escape from the metropolis. Communications are also part of its appeal, with the A3 and fast rail services to Waterloo — Guildford about 32 minutes away, Haslemere 47 minutes. Gatwick and Heathrow are also within quick and easy reach.

Hotspots include Cobham, Guildford, Farnham, Haslemere and villages such as Shamley Green, Chiddingfold and Albury.

The market: Hot, despite the usual summer lull. agents say. Prime prices have risen by more than 20 per cent this year, according to Lane Fox in Haslemere. The local market almost automatically follows London trends, says the Surrey specialist Curchods. Supply is poor, says Knight Frank in Guildford, which has about 1,500 buyers on its books for 30-40 properties. Savilis in Guildford reckons the market is not as good as before the election, with more realistic prices, and buyers refusing to pay over the odds. Prices fell by up to 35 per cent from the 1988-89 peak, John D. Wood in Farnham says. The market began to show signs of recovery in 1994. with prices rising gradually by about 20 per cent • Next week: Essex

over the past 18 months. Knight Frank says this market is different from that of the late 1980s, with many more cash buyers on the scene.

Expect to pay: The word Plus is the great appendage when talking Surrey prices, Curchods says: £225,000-plus for a three-bedroom, detached cottage; £650,000-plus for a farmhouse with some land; £750,000-plus for a medium-size country house. In exclusive St George's Hill and Wentworth Estate, a fivebedroom, detached house will set you back £1 million to £1.5 million.

Significant sale: Garden Cottage, a derelict property with a walled garden belonging to the Red Cross, near Wonersh, southeast of Guildford, attracted 75 viewings in the first two days. The cottage, with a guide price of £325,000. sold at about £425,000, Knight Frank says.

Outlook: Browns in Guildford expects more properties to come on to the market in the autumn and steadier price increases than earlier in the year, John D. Wood says the market will remain firm with possible increases of 10 per cent in the next 12 months. Savills expects the market to level out, with creeping interest rates having some effect on prices.

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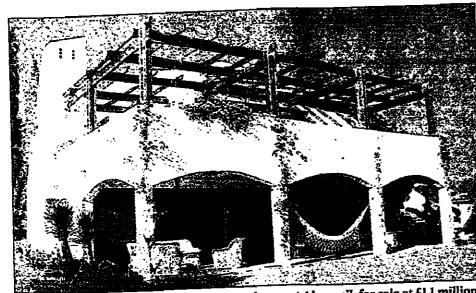
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Out of the door and on to the fairway



Smart villa with staff farmhouse and guest house at Almancil, for sale at £1.1 million

Portugal's southern coastline, the Algarve. have been brisk. thanks to the strength of the pound and a growing band of well-heeled Brits looking for a second home at the edge of a championship golf course. After six years in the dol-

drums, estate agents are reporting increased sales, both to foreign and domestic purchasers. British buyers remain the driving force along this 100-mile stretch with its Atlantic-swept sandy beaches and immaculate golf courses, extending from the Spanish border westwards to Cape St Vincent. In some upmarket

If your dream home is in the sun beside a golf course, try the Algarve

Faro airport, with golf courses wall-to-wall, more than half of the owners are British, paying from £100,000 to more than flm for a place in the sun. Despite the strength of the pound, new apartments in luxury golfing developments are more expensive than many flats in London.



The 18-hole course at Pinheiros Altos, on Quinta do Lago

Michael Carpenter of Prime Property International (PPI) reports keen interest from British purchasers in the 1,700acre Quinta do Lago estate, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Ria Formosa nature reserve, near Faro. Here you can buy a fourbedroom, four-bathroom villa, with a swimming pool and direct access to the golf course,

for £550,000. Now that the market has picked up, there is a shortage of good quality properties over £500,000," Mr Carpenter says. More people are keen on golf and want to live alongside the fairways, with house, pool and garden taken care of when they are not in residence. Quinta do Lago has the best golf courses, is within easy reach of shops and restaurants and next door to Fare airport."

With its 72 holes of golf, Quinta do Lago (where a round of golf costs about £54 for 18 holes) is now the largest golfing complex in Europe. Property prices start at £120,000, which buys a twobedroom flat at Lakeside Village, one of Bovis's developments on Quinta, overlooking a freshwater lagoon.

New apartments down by the beach at São Lourenco, Bovis's second development at Ouinta, overlooking one of the best golf courses in the Algarve, cost from £140,000 for two bedrooms to £185,000 for those with three bedrooms, marble floors and designer kitchens. Family membership



of the golf club costs £20,000. Although it is possible to pick up a second-hand, detached three-bedroom villa here for £300,000, the majority of homes cost a great deal more. PPI recently sold a five-bed-room house with a pool overlooking Quinta's famous greens for £1.1m.

The latest golf course development on Quinta do Lago. Pinheiros Altos, which includes an 18-hole golf course, is attracting the most interest. The developer has sold 91 villa plots between the umbrella pines, alongside the fairways. at an average cost of £160,000 for a half-acre plot. Many of these plots have since been resold for twice their original

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purchase price two years ago. The developer is now building 77 village houses and apartments in an 18th-century Portuguese classical style.

Prices range from £159,000 for a two-bedroom flat to £198,000 for a three-bedroom town house and £225,000 for a three-bedroom semi-detached house with a pool on the terrace.

Membership of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club costs £8,700 for property owners (£30,000 to non-residents). Another 18 holes of golf are planned here, as well as a health spa and country club. Prices are lower away from the big developments, where a three-bedroom detached villa

ESTABLISHED 1872

with a pool, within walking distance of the beach, can be picked up for £135,000.

trict planning controls limiting the spread of holiday homes on the Algarve are bolstering prices. A halt has now been called to high-rise, high-densi-

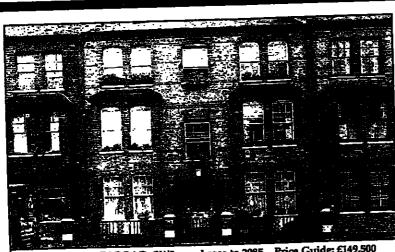
Legislation, which effectively bans most new development along parts of the west coast for the next ten years, is expected to lead to an increase in prices as the supply of new property dries up.

The farther west one goes towards Cape St Vincent, the scenery improves and proper-ty prices become more reason-

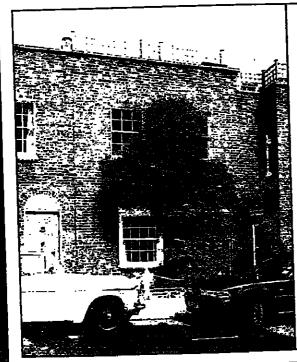
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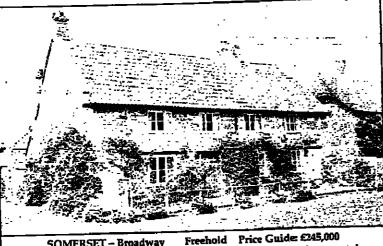
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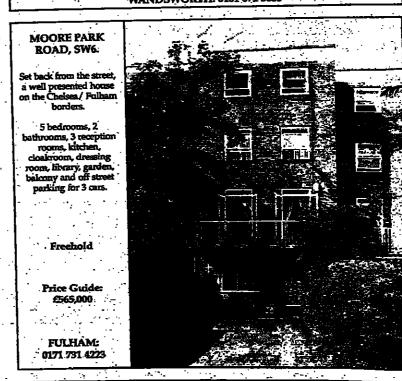


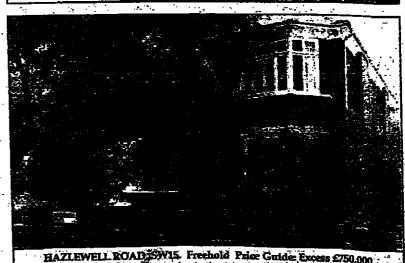
An impressive barn conversion with a separate bed and breakfast business. 10 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 6 shower rooms. A recention with a separate bed and breakfast business. 10 bedrooms, oms, 6 shower rooms, 4 reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, laundry room, off road parking, gardens and grounds. About 0.36 ha (0.9 acres). CIRENCESTER OFFICE: 01285 642244



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attractive Victorian house with living space on the raised and lower ground floors and a satisfully landscaped garden. 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, shower room, 3 reception rooms, study, conservatory, utility room, off street parking. WANDSWORTH: 0181 871 3033





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Repair to the country for less

Renovating estate properties can be a good deal for

tenants, writes Christine Webb

n spring last year, the Marquis of Bath offered a new form of tenure on dilapidated cottages on the Longlest Estate: tenants sink thousands of pounds into renovation in return for low rents and a shortish lease. A year on, other country estates are joining the experiment, creating a new market for those who want to rent a home they can really make

The experiment was highly successful at Longleat. Eight cottages were let to tenants at around £10 a week for the first two years, then, if the repairs were satisfactory, £25 a week for 14 years on condition that the tenants refurbished the cottages at their own expense, spending around £30,000. Six of the eight cottages are now finished to the estate's satisfaction.

The first tenant, Simon Ellis, has now sold his lease, which had 15 years to run, for £45,000, recouping his costs — a good test of whether the scheme worked in both parties'

James Perks, Longleat's assistant land agent, says: "This does show these leases are saleable assets, though it would be unusual to get a mortgage for that term. The selection criteria on these leases is crucial because you do get a lot of applicants and you have to be sure that they have a clear idea of the extent of the work and the money that needs putting in."

The latest to try the idea is the Ilchester Estate in Dorset, which is offering the thatched, six-bedroom, 15th-century Manor Farm House at Melbury Osmond, near Yeovil, to a tenant who can stump up £50-£60,000 towards rewiring, replumbing, and installing a kitchen and bathrooms in exchange for a low rent. The estate would spend around £100,000 on external refur-

At Glynde, in the South Downs near Lewes, East Sussex, the Glynde Estate is offering the



rambling Trevor House to prospec-tive tenants willing to put £50,000-£60,000 into its renovation in return for living there rent-free for three years. The estate recently rewired and replumbed the house and installed central heating in the property, which was bought by the Glynde Place Estate for £40 in 1682. But the tenant will have to redecorate, fit out kitchen and three bathrooms (for which some further estate funds might be released), lay

mean feat in a 13-bedroom home. The tenant will be consulted on the' internal decoration. Carpets and curtains may be bought back by negotiation with the landlord at the end of the tenancy, but there would be the option of a longer lease at the end of the initial three

carpets and hang curtains - no

A, change in leasehold law that enabled tenants to buy their leases led to problems for estates that wanted to stay intact, but a lease of less than 21 years is exempt from the legislation.

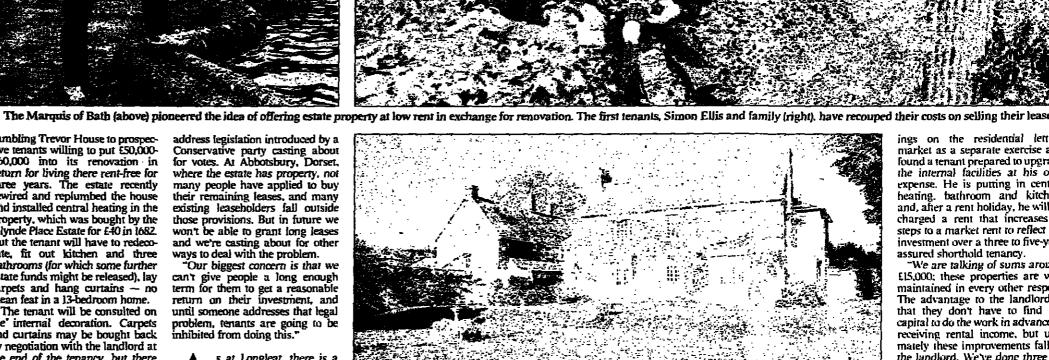
Edward Green, land agent for the Ilchester Estate, says: "Clearly a recent change to the leasehold legislation has been a major blow. New Labour has an opportunity to

address legislation introduced by a Conservative party casting about for votes. At Abbotsbury, Dorset, where the estate has property, not many people have applied to buy existing leaseholders fall outside those provisions. But in future we won't be able to grant long leases and we're casting about for other ways to deal with the problem.

"Our biggest concern is that we can't give people a long enough return on their investment, and until someone addresses that legal problem, tenants are going to be inhibited from doing this."

s at Longleat, there is a limit to the number of properties into which the estate can invest the money required for refurbishment. The estate must now consider schemes involving joint ventures between landlord and tenant possibly with the estate carrying out any necessary structural work and the tenant meeting the cost of internal refurbishment.

Caroline Cope, of Simon & Sons, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, the outgoing chairman of the Associ-



Trevor House, on the Glynde Estate, available to tenants prepared to put about £60,000 into renovation

ation of Residential Letting Agents, says an increasing number of estates are taking the new approach. "Old-fashioned landowners are doing this now. We're doing an 11-bed dower house that is in a poor state of repair. It will have a 17-year lease, with no rent payable in the first year, £1,000 a month in

the second year. £2,000 in the third year, and then £4,000 a month. Then there is a rent review. The repairs are too much for most people to take on. The estate wants old money, by which they mean someone with a title, and most of those people don't have money any more, so it has not been easy." The

Neston Estate, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, has also tried out the system. Christopher Cox. of Cluttons, Bath, says one example is Lypiatt Farm, at Great Lypiatt, where the tenant retired and the farmland was re-let without the farmhouse.

"We put the house and outbuild-

ings on the residential letting market as a separate exercise and found a tenant prepared to upgrade the internal facilities at his own expense. He is putting in central heating, bathroom and kitchen, and, after a rent holiday, he will be charged a rent that increases in steps to a market rent to reflect the investment over a three to five-year

assured shorthold tenancy. We are talking of sums around £15,000; these properties are well maintained in every other respect. The advantage to the landlord is that they don't have to find the capital to do the work in advance of receiving rental income, but ultimately these improvements fall to the landlord. We've done three on this basis, which have been successful. You have to agree a specification of the works to maintain a standard and a timetable, which are included in the tenancy agree-

ment, so they are enforceable. "The arrangement satisfies both parties. The value of the house is increased, and the tenant gets to live in a substantial house."

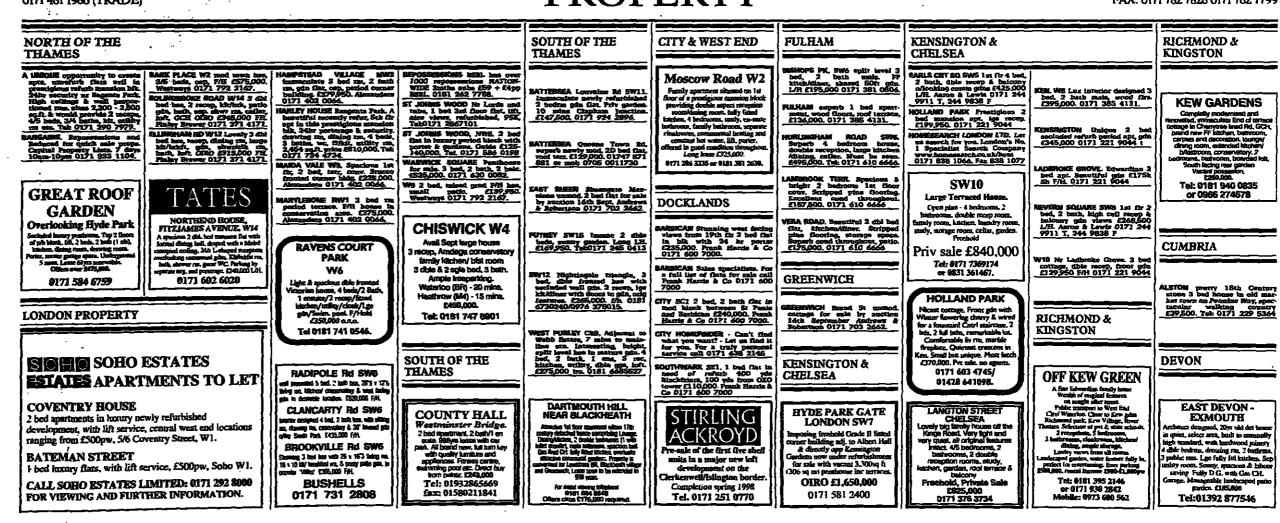
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Phantom of the cellar

The vendor is a mystery; the collection the greatest Christie's has seen. Jane MacQuitty

reports on the wine sale of the century

the second round of the aristocratic, yet cut-throat. battle between auctionhouse wine departments goes to Christie's, which on Sep-tember is and 19 will stage a sale that will make the cellar sold by Andrew Lloyd Webberat Sotheby's in April look less like Bacchus's and more like Mickey Mouse's.

Lord Lloyd Webber's 18,000 bottles, hailed at the time as the finest private wine collection ever sold, fetched £3.7 million, but Christie's can expect to raise more than £5 million with its even grander sale of 19.000 bottles in 1,502 lots.

Close security guards the identity of the mystery vendor, who has been Christie's biggest private customer for the past ten years. The anonymous collector, described as a noted European businessman in his forties" and "a highly knowledgeable connoisseur who has drunk, and continues to share with

his friends, the greatest wines in the world", is already well in the millionaire class.

The wines being sold, which are said to have been "amassed over two decades", would have cost at least £2 million to buy, store and insure. They would fulfil every British connoisseur's wildest dreams. And astonishingly, even after the sale, Christie's says, "the owner will retain a cellar of almost identical volume and quality".

The amazing thing is that the collection should contain such vast amounts of wines almost impossible to obtain in any quantity. The sale includes, for example, six cases of Château Le Pin 1994, from a tiny Pomerol estate which only produced 500 mass of that violates to duced 580 cases of that vintage to satisfy an exceptionally keen worldwide demand. Each box is expected to fetch up to £4,000 and could go

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"This must be the largest and most carefully put together cellar in existence anywhere in the world," says Paul Bowker, the head of the wine department at Christie's

cases of the astronomically priced Pomerol Château Pétrus 1989, estimated at up to £8,000 each, and 30 of the 1990, at up to £9,000. Normal allocations of Petrus are no more than a box per VIP customer, usually reserved for those who buy large quantities of lesser wines as well, yet this vendor. Christie's insists, will retain similar amounts in his own reserves.

ost of the stock in the sale was bought at Christie's and all of it with advice from Paul Bowker, the head of the wine department, and Michael Broadbent, the fine wine authority who is the department's chairman. The present sale has been under discussion with Christie's for a year. The vendor was advised to delay five or six months after Lord Lloyd Webber's sale was announced in the spring.

While the collection shows all the signs of having been bought with a keen eye to investment value and resale, it is the work of a true connoisseur, who has bought exceptionally long, deep and well in the finest wines and vintages. One indication that the vendor is a serious wine lover is his predilec-tion for Château Latour 1964, a first growth picked before the rains in an "off" year, a glorious, garnet, truffle-rich mouthful and the star of

the vintage. That is just one of the wines which will be served at a pre-sale dinner for a lucky few to be held in Christie's Great Rooms on September 17, at which Michel Roux, of the three-star Waterside Inn at Bray. will do the cooking. The other wines featured there, a representative sample of the goodies on offer in the sale, are Dom Perignon Rose champagne 1982, Sauzet's Bătard Montrachet white burgundy 1992,

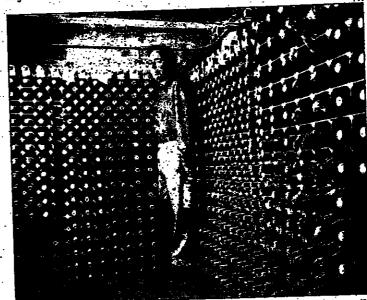
Château Calon-Segur 1947, the Petrus 1990, Yquem 1983 and Taylors 1955 viritage port. It is hard to imagine classier pump priming. The vendor remains Christie's

largest private customer, as well as its most valuable supplier. His latest passion is the wines of Italy, though he also invests in Australian Grange wines, which feature in the sale. It is a collection which easily

outclasses that sold by Lord Lloyd Webber, and Mr Bowker seems fully justified in saying: "This must surely be the largest and most carefully put together cellar in existence anywhere in the world. It is the most fabulous collection of

wines I have ever seen."

Serena Sutcliffe, head ofSotheby's wine department who
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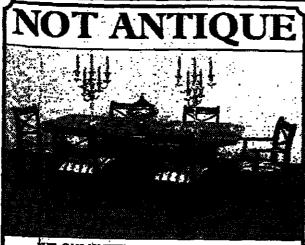
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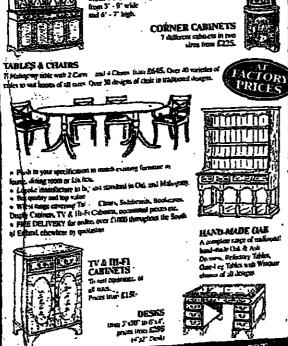
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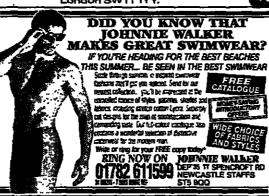
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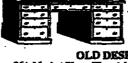


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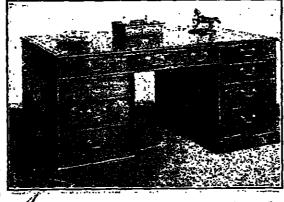
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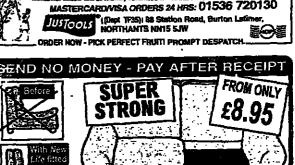
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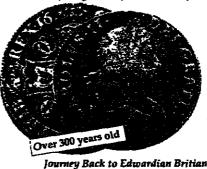
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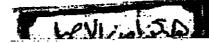
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The mystery creature is the flea. one member of the animal kingdom that has revelled in the hot and humid August weather. It is also, according to Dr John Maunder, head of the Cambridge Entomology Centre, a creature whose population has exploded in the past 50 years. The parasite has terrorised cats, dogs and even per-owners. One anti-flea company reports treating about 11 million cats and dogs for fleas in the past year alone.

The ones that nip you on your lower leg are probably cat fleas, the commonest of the 63 species which inhabit our shores (there are 3,000 species around the world). According to Dr Maunder, who has been a devoted flea-watcher for 30 years, the critters are bolder than ever. Cat fleas have been increasing in numbers and moving north for decades," Dr Maunder says, and adds that the cat flea is thought to have originated in the Middle East. Its migration over the past 50 years has been aided, he says, by global warming. Once here, it thrives in badly ventilated houses, helped by double glazing and central heating.

Vets have also been inundated with flea-ridden animals. "I would say one in three animals that comes here has a flea problem." says Martin Fielding, from the Fielding and Cumber practice based in Weymouth, Dorset. This year is one of the worst I can remember."

The life cycle of a flea is a fascinating study in feasting, fornication and sudden death. A female flea will lay about 30-40 eggs. Each egg will hatch within days as a larva, a microscopic worm. Junior flea then spends the following one



Cat flea: note the long hind legs which are so good for jumping

to three weeks crawling around the floor dining on a menu of food crumbs, dead human skin and flea droppings. At this stage it needs not blood but water; the recent humid conditions have been perfect.

he pupal stage comes next: the worm spins a silk cocoon for itself. After a month, it emerges as a fully fledged flea. Then comes a Herculean exercise in patience. Dr Maunder says: "A flea doesn't hunt out a cat. It waits until one passes and then jumps on it." It can wait up to eight months for the perfect victim. "Occasionally it will bite a passing human but we taste awful

so it jumps off again." Once confronted with its favoured target, the flea feeds on blood and reproduces continuously over a span of about three days. "It kills itself in a frenzy of mating.

eating and egg laying," Dr Maunder says with relish.

The effects on pets can be distressing. Symptoms include excessive licking, scratching (sometimes leading to broken skin and bleeding) and hair loss. Novartis Animal Health, which makes an anti-flea treatment, says four out of five cases of skin disease in animals treated last year were due to the parasites. The main skin condition is flea allergic dermatitis. Mr Fielding says: "The flea injects its saliva into the animal to prevent the blood clotting, but the saliva contains a protein to which many animals are allergic."

Although different species target

one animal - there are rabbit fleas. mouse fleas and dog fleas — cat fleas are responsible for canine misery as well. Dr Maunder says dog fleas are rare: "We invited people to send us fleas for the



Cat fleas have been increasing in number and moving north for decades, says Dr John Maunder, pictured with assistant Elizabeti Basham

awareness week, and of the thousands we received, only two were dog fleas. They both came from the West Country.

One reason why fleas often survive is that they are so small. The cat flea, for example, measures just 2.5 millimetres. It is estimated that for every flea you can spot hopping around, there are another 19 nesting out of view. The most effective treatments are those which target flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Program, manufactured by Novartis, is an example: the chemical, administered in pill form to pets. prevents the development of chitin, the main building block of the

parasite's external skeleton. As for human fleas, they have been virtually eradicated through higher

standards of living.
"You are more likely to find a human flea on a pig than on a human." Dr Maunder says. "But you may get bitten by cat fleas." Apart from the embarrassment, it is not generally a problem. "If someone had 100 bites I would call that serious. They could become quite unwell. I have heard of two deaths but that is extremely rare."

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Adult fleas live on cats and dogs. James Allcock writes. Flea eggs the pets beds, beneath the carpet, or any other dry, warm place whee the pet sleeps. Their eggs hatch within several days into larvae and then pulse. Adult s can wait up to eight months for a suitable host — a cat, a dog or human: III. Flea control depends on attacking those on the pet with bath dusting powders or various, drop on preparations. All dogs and cas be treated, as should their beds and "soogzing spots".

■ Tablets and medicines given by mouth will inhibit the development of fleateggs, and stop the second generation fleat. These are prescripton only

Calorie-controlled food is helping millions of pets to shed unwanted fat. Carolyn Henderson reports

Puppy fat is not just unsightly, it can kill. And as British pets pile on the pounds, the incidence of some forms of cancer is increasing, according to Susan McKay, the head veterinary

surgeon for Spillers Petfoods. The extra weight is also putting limbs under stress. Some surveys have found that one in three dogs is overweight," she says. "Others out it as high as one in two." If your cat or dog is podgy, Ms McKay suggests some simple checks to see if your dog is overweight. "You should be able to feel the ribs." she advises. "If you have to dig your fingers in, the dog's overweight; if you can see the

ribs clearly, he's underweight.
"You should also just be able to see the spine — it shouldn't be buried under rolls of fat or stick out - and he should have a slight 'waist' between the last rib and hip." Cats are more difficult to Health alert for fat cats and cuddly canines

examine. Their fat is depos-ited in different places. You can't give average weights for does because breeds vary so much, but the average cat weighs about 3.5kg. Over-weight cats get fat pads on the lower abdomen, which people sometimes think are growths. If you're not sure if your pet is the right weight, ask your vet."

Some dogs are more prone to weight gain than others. Older animals, labradors and golden retrievers are susceptible, as are neutered dogs although Ms McKay stresses that worries over weight gain should not prevent owners

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A balanced diet and correct

exercise are the keys to getting your pet back in shape. "Aim for gradual weight loss," says Ms McKay. "A lot of people overfeed and give table scraps. If you want to give your pet a treat, give a commercially balanced one rather than a sugary one and take it into account when you work out the overall amount of food,"

Some dogs like apple and carrot pieces, which are low in calories. Ordinary chocolate, as opposed to commercial "dog chocs", is poisonous, as is raw onion. And do not heed the advice that a dog needs only one meal a day. "Large breeds should have at least two meals a day or you risk gut torsion, when the gut fills with gas and twists," says Ms McKay. "Smaller breeds are also better on two meals."

The rules of human nutrition do not necessarily apply to pets. "Fat is full of calories, but dogs and cats digest it really well and have a specific requirement for it," says Ms McKay. "And while people often say that protein is bad, they need that, too. Dogs, especially, burn it for energy. Sometimes people say, My dog only has the best, he has steak'. But steak isn't the best because it's unbalanced. Good

commercial foods are bal-

anced and, as long as you feed the right amount, your pet shouldn't need extras." pillers and Pedigree Petfoods make low-calorie ranges for dogs and cats, available in pet shops and vets. Neither range is much more expensive than ordinary

ordinary varieties. Pedigree Petfoods even runs a Slimmer of the Year competition. "The winner is chosen for the most successfully managed weight-loss programme, not overall weight loss," the

foods: for a dog it's about 34p a day, compared with 30p for

company says. Exercise should be tailored to a pet's age and condition.
"In general, work on the basis of an hour's lead exercise a day for dogs," says Ms McKay. "Younger animals are growing and over-exercise causes bone problems. With older dogs, gentle lead exercise keeps their joints supple. If your dog is very overweight, start at 20 minutes a day and increase gradually."



Poundstretcher: ask the vet how heavy your pet should be

Cats are more difficult because if calorie intake is over-restricted, liver problems can result. It is best to ask your vet to check your cat's diet.

While few cats would appreciate being taken for a walk on a lead, you can play with them. "Exercise them with toys," says Ms McKay. "Fasten toys on sticks and get them to chase them."

The best advice is to treat a

pet in the same way as you would a human: if you keep your pet fit and feed it regular-ly with the right food, it will be happier and healthier.

Spillers runs a free UK phone line for pet-cire advice (0800 738 2273) and offers a weighing and nutrition sessions for pets through its mobile units. For a free information sheet on overweight pets, write to Pedigree Petfoods, Waltham on the Wolds, Melton Mowbray, Leics LE14 4RS.

around 5pm and two hours es ar ur pong in the lounge. Is there anything we can do?

A Striking a match (a red-headed one is best) will clear the polluted atmosphere and make life tolerable. Intestinal fermentation might be reduced by giving him three or four little meals each day, so food is dealt with by the digestive juices rather than the yeasts and bacteria that produce gases. A sprinkling of bran on his food might help. You don't say what he drinks. Clean water is best. Milk could exacerbate the odour

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A I'm afraid I don't, and in-any case tinkles — whatever the decibel rating - are not effective avian alarm signals. Songbirds rely on sight rather than sound to detect danger. That's why their heads are constantly rotating and their eyes are placed on the side of the head to give wide angle vision. If you could find a "jewelled" collar with a shiny bell, the resultant warning flaches of light might warning flashes of light might help to reduce the songbird

brings his two offspring with are fully feathered What caused his baldness?

The photograms you A have sent show his got a smooth head without any broken or deformed fathers. That seems to exclude attack by other birds or self-ifflicted injury because of sometch or feather disease. I thin it is either a genetic abnormlity— in spite of his offspringbeing fully feathered. White black-birds turn up occasionally. Alternatively, the feathe folli-cles on his head could have been destroyed by something



Bald: a visiting blackbyd

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Part of me still thinks gardening is what women of a certain age turn to when their children have gone away to university'

t the parish church of St Damian and St Cosmas, one of three religious establishments regularly patronised by my parents, who are v. keen (unnecessarily keen, my sister and I used to feel when we were hitle) on religion, the big event of the Bank Holiday was the flower festival.

My mother's contribution to this year's theme of Women of the Bible was a handsome still life, straight from the pages of Constance Spry, representing Claudia, wife of Pontius Pilate, by means of a small oil lamp, a substantial terracotta urn and a generous plateful of Safeway's exotic fruit

Elsewhere in the church, still more exuberant feats of imagination had taken place. Possibly the most striking of all was Lot's wife being turned into salt - a pillar in the nave, modestly draped in white butter muslin and crowned with a wreath of marguerites - a construction which, from a distance, succeeded in conveying a line air of monumental

resignation and a certain stolid outrage. But there was stiff competition from a spritely Jezebel (gladioli, scarlet geraniFading flower or femme fatale? voice in my head tells me that this is the

XXI, I found myself thinking that Jezebel is rather a pretty name and I wonder if I might give it to my daughter, when I get around to having one.

Filled with flowers and people, the church exhaled a faint melancholy. By the altar stands the roll of those killed in the Great War — a long list of solid Kentish names, like Vant, Vidion, Guy, Epps, even an (unrelated) Shilling. And above my mother's neat heap of passionfruit and mangos, a marble slab let into the wall commemorates, Harry Lyall, who lived in Albany, owned land in Berwick, and now lies in this churchyard, where from boyhood he desired to be buried" - a bit of forward planning as

touching as it is eccentric.

Alexander started reading this, but I moved him along sharply, in case it gave him Ideas. A child of reflective disposition, he is already subject to periodic fits

discussing where he might like his last resting place to be.

Outside, at the flower stall, I fell into a long and inspiring discussion about Afwith a splendid example in a pot. I wondered, on the way back to London, why I am still so furtive about admitting my enthusiasm for gardening. I have read plenty of arti-

cles about what a fashionable pursuit it has become, but there is a part of me that still thinks it is what women of a certain age turn to when their children have gone away to school or university and their looks have started to fade.

LIFE AND SOUL



first sign of letting myself go, and that if I persist, before long shall become completely herbaceous and then it will be goodbye for ever eye-liner and red patent Azagury kinen heels: hallo scrubbed face and land-girl breeches held up with bits of binder twine ... On the doorstep,

when I get back, I find my friend Charles. Settling himself comfortably all over my sofa, he sinks at a gulp the half-bottle of left-over chablis that I was vaguely saving to drink in front of The Jewel in the Crown, and looks round expectantly for something else to consume. "Stay and have some thing to eat." I say, putting a saucepan of

water on to boil. "I'll just pop to the offlicence for some more wine." I am halfway back home with another bottle of chablis when out of a shadowy doorway there looms a large young man with sad, dark eyes and huge muscles bursting out of a weightlifter's singlet. Mindful of inspector Knacker's recent advice to Londoners to be very rude when accosted by strangers, I fix him with the Medusa glare I use for people who knock at the front door when I am dusting on a Sunday morning and ask if

xcuse him, he says, his name is Achille, and he is sorry, but his English is very bad... Never mind, I say, in my schoolgirl French, feeling rather guilty and adjusting my expression to something a bit more probability of the state welcoming - probably he is only after directions to the pub.

He has noticed me before, he says, and

very much. I wonder whether to hit him with the chablis, decide that this might be premature, and say instead how nice of him to think this, and now I must hurry home to my children and my husband who is, malheureusement, a violent and jealous psychopath.

"Regardes," says Achille, sketching in the air with his hand a shape like that of Jessica Rabbit, with whom I have not previously been compared. "Comme tu es belle comme femme." Well, that is as may be, I say. But I am also une femme

serieuse, and old enough, furthermore, to be your ... elder sister. Adieu. Achille.
"I say what is in my heart," calls Achille reproachfully, as I leg it for home. All I can think is that, whatever the subtext of this extraordinary conversation, it is certainly not one you would ever

have with an Englishman.

Indoors, the pan of water has boiled dry and Charles's gaze is fixed on the television. I decide to try a little experiment. "Charles," I say. "Tell me, would you say I was beautiful, as a woman?" "Eh?" says Charles, who farms, "What? Hang on a minute, can you? Only the weather forecast is just coming up and I really must watch it ..."



Harsh lessons of home life

t has been labelled the Educating Rita syndrome. More and more women are returning to education after bringing up a family. For most of them, it heralds a huge change in their life and, if their partner isn't prepared to change and adapt too, it can lead to the break-up of their marriage. In the film, Rita Uulie

Walters) walks out of her dull hairdressing job to take a university course. She begins an affair with her tutor (Michael Caine). Her husband, left behind at home, cannot understand the new "educated" Rita and is bitterly frustrated. Professor Christine King is

the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Staffordshire, where a large number of mature students are women returners. "Women often decide to return to study because they are facing a crossroads in their life," she says. "Often the children have grown up and they feel redundant in the home. People do change when they begin to explore their potential, and many husbands eel threatened or insecure about these changes in the woman they thought they knew so well."

Anneka Rice, the television presenter, returned to college when her marriage to impresario Nick Allott was going through a sticky patch. She has enjoyed her university art course, which has given her a sense of freedom from work chedules. But the marriage has not survived and she is expecting a baby with television producer Tonf Gutter-

idge. For Heather Pollitt of Manchester, the return to higher education almost exactly mirrored the film Educat-ing Rita. "I worked as a hairdresser, she says, I'd left school after O levels because my family wanted me to work in the family business. I married young: my husband was a successful businessman. We had a daughter, but I never felt I belonged.

"I never felt right working as a hairdresser, and what my husband wanted was a wife willing to take second position to him, to cook lovely dinners and be a social hostess on demand. When my daughter was 12, I decided I wanted to go back to university."

But she met with immediate opposition. "My husband didn't want me to go. He thought of university as a licentious place which would pull us apart. But I was determined and, first, took my Marriages often fall apart when wives

return to study, says Diana Appleyard passed with A grades and then read English language and literature at Manchester Univand reflect. I thought, 'I don't

ersity. "As soon as I was there, I felt like I belonged — as if this was what I should always have done. My husband did support me, in that he paid the college fees - i had only a small grant

- but he deeply resented the changes in me and how much time the course took. I tried to involve him in the course and get him to meet my new friends, but he drew the line at that in a way that frustrated me," she says.

Professor King says: "Sadly. this does happen. Sometimes the marriage is already breaking up, although each partner may not yet acknowledge the fact. Husbands don't find it easy when their wives begin to change. What I see in mature students is that their confidence grows and they begin to see themselves in a different light. It disturbs the balance of the relationship, and for a marriage to survive the other partner has to be prepared to change the focus of their relationship and allow their partner more independence."

When Jenny Elsey from the Midlands decided to go back to studying after bringing up five children, she says her marriage went through a very wobbly parch. It survived however, and has emerged stronger than before. She says: "I stayed at home until the eldest child was about 15. I had been working as a chef but was made redundant, and this gave me a chance to sit back

want to do this any more'. At school I'd never thought of myself as bright, because I'd failed the II-plus. Higher education wasn't for the likes of

But then she went, on a whim, to a women's action day at a local college. That sparked off the thought that perhaps she could try for a degree. She applied for a business enterprise course at the University of Stafford and was accepted. 'I was on a rollercoaster." she says. "I was 40 at the time and couldn't believe how much my life was changing. I don't think I noticed I was changing too, but I was becoming much

more confident and willing to

express my views." or the family, it was a seismic leap. Very often I'd have to work all through the night. I'm very much a perfectionist. through a great deal of mental anguish because I was so determined to prove that I could do it. At times I think it was very difficult for my family to understand why I had to work such long hours. and there were times when I knew that my husband How-

ard felt a bit neglected. "Doing my degree did make me a very difficult and, at times, emotional person to live with, and that does put pres-sure on a marriage." Their marriage has survived, she says, because her husband independent, confident wife.

After her degree, Heather Pollitt went on to take an MA. then a PGCE (post-graduate certificate of education) teaching course. Three years after her degree, her marriage broke up. "At the time I didn't see a direct correlation between my going back to study and the breakdown of our relationship," she says. "But now it's clear that this was a factor, in that I changed. I felt I had the paper to prove that I was someone and it changed my outlook on life."

Ms Pollitt later became head of an English language department at a sixth-form college in Manchester. Like Rita, she also met her new partner at university.

"We're working together, writing a guide for English language teaching. Our rela-tionship couldn't be more different — we're very much equals — yet we are both friendly with my ex-husband and his new wife. I can see now that we weren't suited, and my going back to university brought our different aims

and values to a head." For Mrs Elsey and her husband, there was a long period of readjusting to their new roles. Her perfectionism naid off with a first-class degree and she is now working as a PA to a head of department at a high-street hank, "Now I don't ask, 'Can I go out?" I just go," she says. Our marriage has moved into a different phase."

Mrs Elsey says that the changes university have made to her mean that while they both lead more independent lives, they enjoy their time together more, "Now our marbut parallel, lines."

Uplifiting story of divine restoration



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THE beautiful, listed, medieval All Saints church in Hereford, Chapel, James I pulpit and Queen Anne reredos, positively hums with life, In the raised west end is a case with tables and

chairs overflowing into the gallery, which serves delicious almond cake and hot chocolate. The night before, the church had played host to a production of Milton's Paradise Lost, but the remnants of Satan and all his works were now being removed from the church as normal service resumed. The organ was being played joyfully by a member of the congregation as we prepared for midday communion in the Lady Chapel. In the background, cups and saucers clattered and waitresses, including the vicar's daughter, chatted to customers. In the foreground, all was peace and quiet and the Rev Andrew Moturam emerged in chasubled calm to lead us through the familiar liturgy of the 1980 Alternative Service Book.

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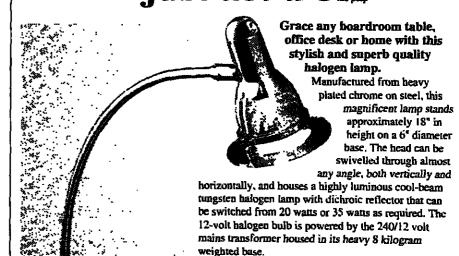
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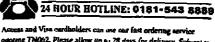


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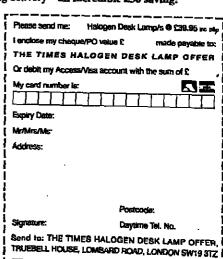


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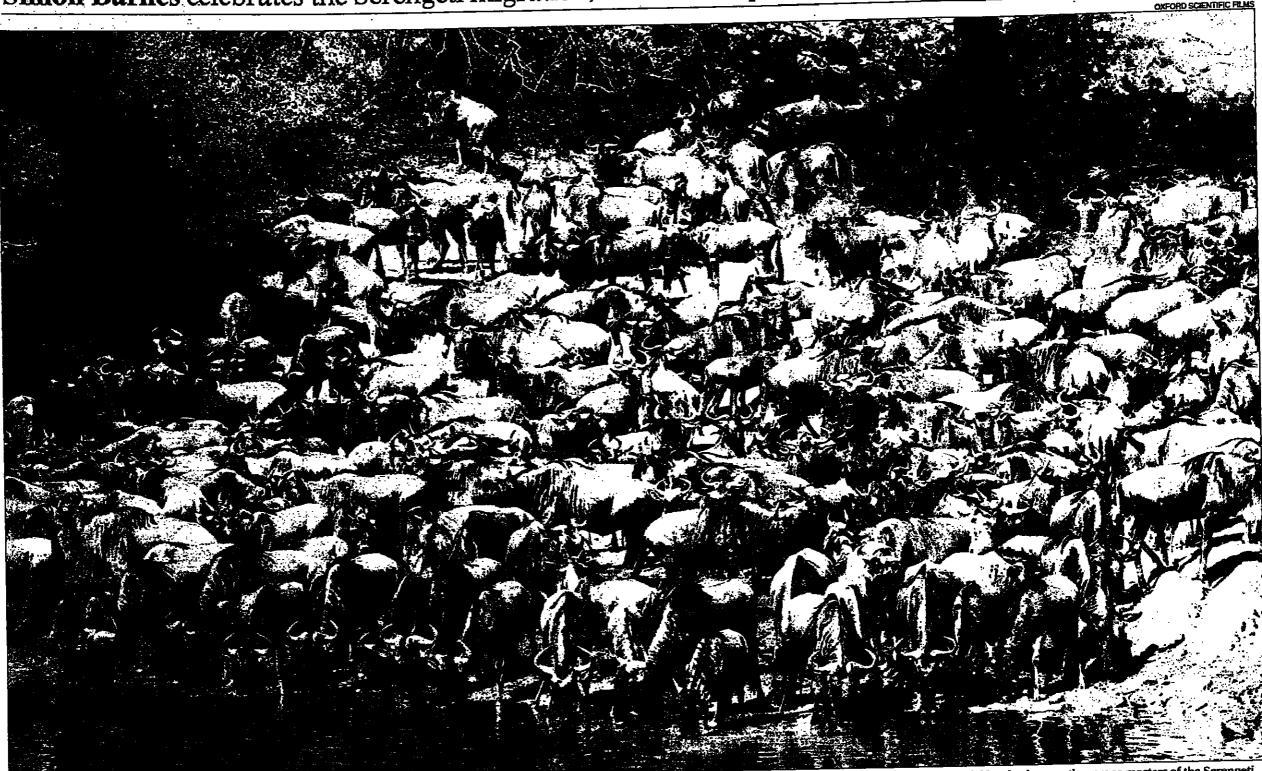
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Simon Barnes celebrates the Serengeti migration, a vision of a past in which vast herds roamed the Earth



umentaries, we see wildebeest as comical, poorly designed animals forever being eaten by lion and crocodile. But within the safety of their vast, peaceful herds, they are the serene masters of the Sereng

Majestic comedy of millions on the move

perhaps the greatest of them all. On the savannah plains of the Serengeti National Park, in Tanzania, the biggest megafauna migration on the planet takes place.

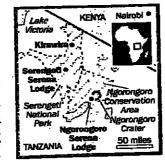
'Megafauna" is a proper zoological term meaning big animals. Vast numbers of big four-footed mammals once roamed all over the Earth. Now the largest herds are found in the Serengeti, an army on the move, dust hanging in the air at its passage but an army of pacifists, seeking only the youngest, freshest and greenest of grass.

The herds of wildebeest and zebra follow the rains, not the calendar. June, when I visited, normally finds the heart of the migration at the heart of the park, around Seronera. By the end of August, in the middle of the dry season, they have moved into the park's Western Corridor, and can be seen from the bush camp at Kirawira. For the next few weeks they usually continue to move northwest until they cross into the Masai Mara in Kenya, before heading back, southeast, when the rainy season begins in November.

The numbers baffle the mind. On and on we drove: horizon-to-horizon wildebeest. We would breast a slight rise io see a new horizon, a new city of wildebeest. There are two million wildebeest in the Serengeti, and 2,000 lion who follow the migrating wildebeest. Which species is master? The environment of the Serengeti is created by the cycle of the rains and the great looping migration of the wildebeest. The lion are the bit players; the unwieldy wildebeest are at the heart of the

During a short balloon trip. a side-trip from the main safari, a glorious dawn sweeps across the heart of the Serengeti. An American, chance-met fellow traveller, one of the two dozen or so in the basket, his voice hushed in unaccustomed reverence, says: This was the

Midwest, once." I have been to Africa many



times, and, though no one in the world could be blase in such a place, I fell easily into an accustomed routine of wonder. But the sight of these impossible numbers reduced me to the same ridiculous state of gasping awe that I found on my first trip. We stepped, as the man in the balloon said, into the planer's past.
For much of the safari, I

spied on the wildebeests' manoeuvres from a four-wheel drive. My guide and driver. Eliakim Jeremiah, knowledgeable about the beasts and their places of resort, took me deep into the bush, where we would also see non-migratory animals, including leopard, chee-tah and elephant. He understood the needs of an insatiable, bush-struck traveller: indeed, he is one himself, unsated after 20 years work among the beasts of Tanzania.

To be with a vast group of herbivores is to witness - if you like, to share - a vast content. Large numbers reduce anxiety. So sit among them and savour the idle busyness, the air filled with their idiosyncratic croaking moo — gnu, another name for wildebeest, is onomatopoeic until the herd sounds like an enormous pond of bullfrogs.

mentaries we see wildebeest as comical, tormented souls: poorly designed beasts forever being eaten by lion and crocodile, whose pathetic, staggering, minutes-old infants exist only to feed hyenas. The Serengeti is seen as the ultimate theatre of cruelty, the wildebæst the pathetic victims, the butt of one of nature's nastier jokes. And they are odd-looking beasts, made, it seems, of left-over odds and ends of other animals: back end of antelope, forequarters of horse, upper part of the head from a cow, lower part

In a thousand wildlife docu-

from a goat, beard and all. And every gait is funny, from the stiff, chilblained walk to the daft twisting and bucking galumph they use in moments of excitement. A herd of wildebeest is a perambulating bird table for carnivores and an unending photo opportunity for those who

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Flights can also be booked through travel agents including Allison Brothers (0171-40) 1860). Fares start at £441, including taxes, in low season (September 11-November 30).

■ The author stayed at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge, Serengeti

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Reading The Serengeti Lian, by George B. Schaller (University of Chicago Press, £21.98); East Africa Handbook, by Michael Hodd (Footprint, £14.99); Rogue Lian Safaris, by Simon Barnes (HarperCollins, £11.99).

Serena Lodge, and at the bush camp, Kirawira.

Yet are they so unwieldy? A wildebeest must live within commuting distance of water. The daily graze and the procession to the chosen waterhole spell out the rhythms of the day. It is this brief drinking session that gives the long, peaceful day the Tabasco of danger.

So park in the shade and watch the commuters filing into the water, and filing away with dripping beards. The escalators at Oxford Circus, perhaps: and the air filled with the latest gnus. And then panic, as a lioness arrives.

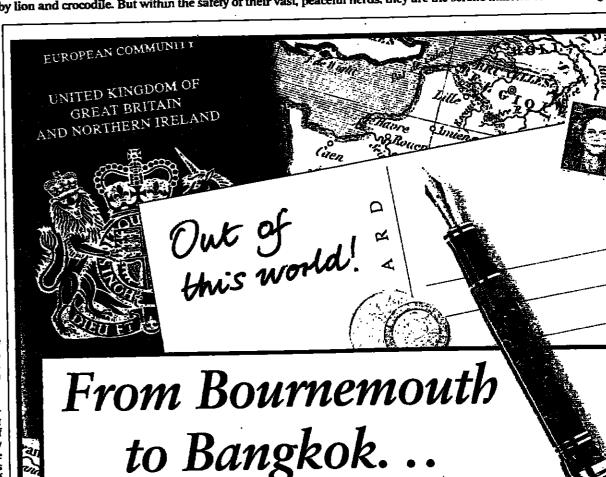
s I watched the panic, I could see that every technique of evasion was a ploy also used in rugby. The little jinking side-step is the sport's classic method of shaking off pursuit. Wildebeest never run a straight line, always a curve —and so do rugby players in a close chase.

Wildebeest buck comically and kick out their hind legs. This combines the flashiness of the "goose-step", a change of rhythm that throws off the tackler's timing, and the brutality of the "hand-off", a legitimate smack in the pursu-

Finally, wildebeest constantly run across each other's parts. This is called "crossing" or "blocking" and it is illegal in both codes of rugby, though not in American football. And there was the lioness a few yards away from me. surrounded by dust and the sounds of escape. So many meals, and she not able to lay a paw on a single one.

The wildebeest continue their eternal circular journey. and spend almost all of it in peaceful movement and stationary rumination. Barring the occasional accident, they are the serene masters of the

Megafauna such as this now survive only in isolated pockets. But the Serengeti is, as pockets go, huge and, for the time being, secure. And it is, even for the most sated, the experience of a lifetime.



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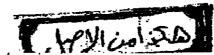
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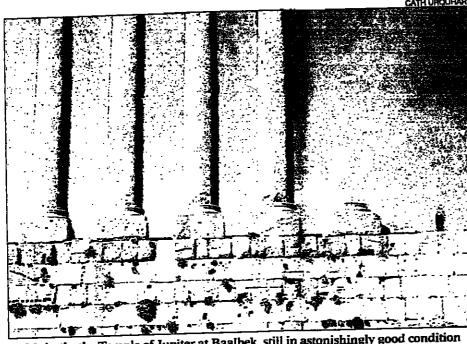
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Visitors are warmly welcomed again in Lebanon, but there are still some no-go areas, says Michael Church

Tread with care among the ruins



n the vestibule of the Casino du Liban, the first thing that confronts you is an airport-style metal detector, through which you are politely directed to walk. We were determined this should be neutral territory." says Nicholas Crabtree, the casino's British gaming man-Every other citizen in Beirut has a gun, and we didn't want our customers to feel they had to spend the evening looking over their shoulders. It's been gratifying to see how seldom the gun alarm goes off."

Once inside these marble halls, however, you could be anywhere in the world: the decor is swish international. the gaming tables hum with the usual suppressed excitement, the dark-suited croupiers exude quiet efficiency.

But you are actually in a place of huge historical imporrance. This was the focal point for Beirut's prewar jet set, and all Lebanese. Ten years ago. Jounieh, the bay it overlooks, was the artillery-raked departure point for boatloads of Christians bound for Cyprus.

Just months into its new life, the casino is a potent symbol of returning normality.

A drive through present-day Beirut simply takes the breath away. President Assad of neighbouring Syria beams down from every wall, accompanied by a dead son whose picture is bordered with black. Syrian soldiers man checkpoints where you stop and explain your business ("tourism"). This is an occupying army in all but name, as much in control in the north as Israel is in the south. There are wayside shrines in the Christian areas through which you pass, but the checkpoints are decked out like shrines as well. Every so often you come upon tanks hidden up alleyways. towards which you are advised not to point your camera. Well, the same rule applies in

as the brochures gamely put it, is The City That Would Not Die. which is exactly the feeling one gets as one cruises along Sniper Alley - which runs along the former green line that divided east and west - and on through what used to be the

city centre. Now there is no centre at all: the streets on which the heaviest fighting raged have been bulldozed flat, ready for the new centre to rise from the ashes.

This is good for two reasons," says my driver. "It creates jobs, and it prevents people from feeling sick whenever they pass the place where their brother or mother was killed. Bad memories are being rubbed out."

Well, some are: there are still plenty of buildings that look like gruyère cheese. And they are often fully inhabited. with living rooms exposed to the elements and cheerful washing lines strung across wrecked balconies. A vast Roman site has been uncovered next to one of the big Maronite churches: developers and archaeologists are at loggerheads over dozens of

he Hezbollah area, in West Beirut, exudes grim severity, with the local equivalent of Downing Street cordoned off by metal gates like those in Westminster. In the Falangist districts to the east, the atmosphere proves similarly in-tense. The Syrian tanks seem oddly reassuring — a senti-ment my driver echoes. "We don't like Assad, but if he wasn't here, somebody else would move in. He's a guaran-

tee the war is over." Another guarantee is the number of grand hotels that have reopened, including the Marriott, the Phoenicia International, Le Vendome Inter-Continental and that traditional haunt of journalists, the Commodore. I stayed at the Al Bustan, in the hills ten miles east of the city centre, partly because I love its acrial view of the city and partly to attend its annual music festival.

Across the road from the American University — now functioning without American students - 1 visited Anne Malamah-Thomas, the forthright Scot who runs the British Council offices in Beirut. Two years ago she was sent here to do a feasibility study on whether the office should be reopened after a nine-year closure: Her answer to her bosses' key question - is it safe? - had been a resounding yes and a second office has now been opened. "I feel safer here than I do in London," she says. "Look at the pot plants that have been sitting for months on my doorstep. In

the menu. For dessert we London they would have been moved to a separate table piled high with fruit of every kind.

vandalised overnight." My own nightlife in this trilingual city — where you are as likely to hear French and The Corniche, running along the coast to the north, was a forest of neon purveying English as Arabic — began messages of hope. We passed with a visit to the Caracalla under a bridge proclaiming "A Dance Theatre, which was Cleaner World" and were repeatedly informed that "100% of People Ask for a presenting a gloriously kitsch musical drama on the story of Dido and Aeneas. The house Kleenex". In the Muslim town was packed and the audience members I talked to in the of Tripoli, on the coast north of Beirut, the Crusader castle is interval explained why. Alone so well preserved and has so of all Lebanese companies, this one performed right few visitors that it felt as though the builders had just through the war: they are real left and the first tenants had folk heroes and the tale they yet to move in. South of Beirut, were dramatising was itself a at the palace of Beit ed Dine, piece of Lebanese folk history. the story was the same: no Afterwards, I repaired to the Westerners. Kamal Jabbour. Mhanna restaurant in the city who runs the nearby Mir Amin Palace hotel, sadly concentre for an epic meal. The savoury courses came thick firmed the fact: all it takes is and fast, with lashings of

SYRIA ISRAEL

some Japanese terrorists were improbably rounded up in Lebanon this year, prospective guests from Tokyo cancelled en masse. Like everyone else in Lebanon's notel trade, he was praying for the American embargo to be lifted: only then will business take off.

The scattering of tourists we

found at the Phoenician town of Byblos, on the coast be-

tween Beirut and Tripoli, was no surprise. It is an exquisite little harbour, backed by some solid ruins where medieval walls stand alongside Roman walls, with a Bronze Age settlement below. It was intensely photogenic for there was a storm at sea, beyond which the sun was setting.

nd what of Baalbek. once home to the greatest opera festival in the world, recently home to Hezbollah's hostages? Our route there from Beirut wound up through the hills, past freshly ruined villas and Druze villages whose houses stare at you with blackened eye-sockets. Descending into the Bekaa Valley was like entering another world: sheep and goats. Beduin encampments and snow-clad peaks in

the blue distance. Baalbek was superb: the Roman temples to Bacchus and Jupiter are in astonishingly good condition, with the stone roof-slabs carved as though from the most delicate wood. The walls of one chapel carry "I woz 'ere" graffin from 100 years ago, when Greeks, Jews and Arabs scratched their names in apparent amity. But there was nobody staying at the Palmyra Hotel by the temples' entrance as the manager showed us round the elegant, wood-panelled rooms, he recalled the dancers

here. This, too, was like a mausoleum...

To reach Baalbek, we had to pass a series of roadblocks some manned by the Syrian army, some by the Lebanese and one by well-armed, tough-looking "civilians" in expersive leather jackets. On our way out of Baalbek, this latter group motioned us to the side of the road and questioned out driver. The conversation went on for some time, with our driver looking increasingly nervous. Finally he showed his trump card - police reserve ID - and the interrog ator backed off. What was it all about? They wanted money." How much? "Oh, \$20, \$100." He shrugged in embarrassment. And it we had not been able to oblige? "Problème." The leader of the group, he

added, was a Syrian.

This incident proved there are places in Lebanon where foreigners can feel at ease and others where it is unwise to go. you cannot just pile into a hired car and head for the hills you need a local guide....

When I reached the immigration barrier at the airport, I found a conundrum. Four channels, for Diplomats, Foreigners, Lebanese and Arabs: The first two desks were unmanned and the third had a long queue, I went up to the fourth desk and was politely waved through as an Arab. Well, that was fine by me. because I was beginning to and divas who regularly slept feel at home.



Ravaged by war: parts of Beirut were so devastated by the battles that they have now been razed to the ground to eradicate painful memories

GETTING THERE

The author travelled with British Mediterranean Airways and stayed at the Al Bustan Hotel. Flights with Beirut start at £346 return in September, including taxes.

Rooms at the Al Bustan Hotel (bookable through Utell: 0990 300200) start at \$180 (£120). A new wing has been added with 29 rooms from \$145 (£90) per night. Jasmin Tours (01628

53(12)) has a five-night tour of Lebanon, staying in Beirut and Byblos. The price in September is £764 per person, including flights, B&B. guide, taxes and transfers, based on two sharing a room. Tours include Tyre, Sidon, Baalbek, Byblos and Tripoli, Three-night breaks in Beirut are from £536.



■ The best times to go are April-May and September-October. Winter snowfalls in the mountains preclude travel: locals head for the mountains in summer to escape the humidity in Beirut.

Most visitors are part of an organised tour, with ground agents in constant touch with the authorities. The Foreign Office said on August 5 that travel is inadvisable south of Tyre. It

added: "Visitors wishing to go to the Baalbek region and to the north of the Bekaa Valley should use organised tour groups." ■ Reading: Guide to Lebanon, by Lynda Keen (Bradt, £10.95):
Pity the Nation, by Robert Fisk (OUP, £8.99): The Traveller's Survival Kit Lebanon, by Carole Cadwalladr and Anna Sunon (Vacation Work Publications, E9.99).

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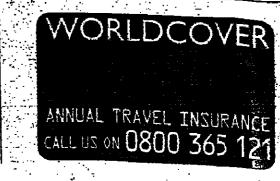
(c) The decree of a judge, the decision or determination of a public assembly, a court of justice or the like. Hence, the public assemblies of all degrees of men, where the king presided. Bryce, 1869: "The placita at which the laws were framed or published would not have been crowded as of yore by armed freemen."

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(a) One of the Hemiptera, a large order of insects comprising a wide variety of different kinds, characterised by a suctorial mouth, and in the largest group.

Heteroptera, by wings coriaceous at the base and
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Camping in France: In the Jura Peter Brown has an unexpected close shave, and narrowly avoids a mud bath

Hiding out in a real Jurassic park

aying ElO to get covered in mud and not my idea of fun, unless I am watching, but my wife had wanted to do it for years, she said, and wasn't that what holidays were for? So she shooed the children and me off to the park and strolled sybaritically into the imposing thermal hall of Lons-le to be properly

We were in the Jura, that chunk of eastern France famous for being Jurassic. It has colitic limestone, folding hills, strange walled-off valleys, lakes, caves, forests and sleepy spa towns such as Lons.

So there I sat, on a bench in a real Jurassic park, munching mirabelle plums, rubbing my stubble and thinking how similar small English children were to French ones. Clearly, too much relaxation had jellied the mind, as my wife pointed out when she emerged, every pore rejoicing.

It had been a good holiday. made memorable by one great triumph and one extremely bad decision.

In two weeks spent exploring the foothills of the Alps, we had clocked a lot of scenery and four genuinely foreign sights: a red squirrel crossing the road; a robot with a red flag and a painted moustache controlling motorway traffic, a girl whizzing around a hypermarket on in-line skates,

ving tempers at the checkout by finding the prices of goods without bar codes; and a counter assistant who knew 100 cheeses (beat that, Mr Sainsbury). We had eaten well. Nothing

expensive, but at the stately resort of Annety, where the beauty of the lake defies all adjectives, there had been tartiflette - potato slices in a sauce made from reblochon, the hard white mountain cheese. In Chambery, capital of the Savoy region, the tastes were fromage blanc and ver-mouth. In the Jura, the tastes were smoked ham, blueberry tarts and at a farmhouse restaurant succulent rabbit served by a shy grandchild.

The secret to enjoying French provincial cooking, particularly when staying at campsites with children, is to leave the youngster's behind in the evenings. Euckily Toby, los-Matthew, 12, and Imogen, 8 through years of exposure, have developed a taste for

ange purapkins glistened and beans. On one stall in the market place at Clauvaux-les-

lways inspect a house when it A is raining —or so the advice to housebuyers goes. On the same principle, a week of rain and



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Mi Peter Brown travelled with Sunsites (01565 625555). Its 1998 prices are from £266-£840 for 12 nights in a tent at Lac de Chalain, for two adults and up to four children, including ferry. £1,215. A two-night campsite stay at Dispeyland Paris adds from £302 to the price – entry tickets extra. ■ Derrik Mercer travelled with Canvas Holidays (01992 553535).

Brittany, departing September 6 and travellin Dover Calais, is £149: it is £240 (for two adults Other operators nclude Brittany Ferries Holidays (0990 360360); Keycamp (0181-395 4000); French Life (0113-239

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Lacs there were 62 herbs and spices on offer and nine varieties of olives. At the butcher's were home-made hazelnut sausages. A woman selling preserves from a table set against a wall offered pots of jam made from Jura wine and also, improbably, from milk. We were staying in well equipped mobile homes on

campsites next to lakes - at Aiguebelette, near Chambery. and Lac de Chalain, 120km away in the Jura. The children had swum, fished, played table tennis and gone to discos in return for visiting places of One of the places we had

visited had been Aix les Bains. grandmother of all soas since campsite chips and pizza. Roman times. We had imag-We had done a lot of ined Queen Victoria there. walking and admiring. In the taking her clothes off and kitchen gardens, brilliant or-sweating. It was that sort of sweating. It was that sort of we checked our watches and suddenly went in search of a



The river Thiou flows through the resort of Annecy, whose attractions include tartiflette - potato slices in a sauce made from reblochon, the hard white mountain che

On a bench next to the box we prepared the picnic that would either be a celebration or a consolation. We could see Toby talking, though we could not hear him. His face was deadpan. By arrangement, his

letter from the examiners. It was only when he came out and grinned — the first

real grin for a week - that the holiday began in earnest. Eight GCSE passes. No really bad grades and a few A-stars.

Right at the start of the holiday we had given our-selves a treat, booking a luxurious two days at the Newport Bay Club at Disneyland Paris. It was lantastic in every sense, but something about the swimming pools, the made me lose my senses. I felt so young that I shaved my

Why I imagined that the pink fool in the mirror would be the person who grew the beard 25 years earlier, heaven knows. Shockingly, depressingly, it was not, as my family helped me to understand. Inst-

That was a bad decision. But then, it was something I had wanted to do for ages. And isn't that what holidays

quiet, with both sites only half-full.

We went at that time because we both

love France and the prices charged by holiday companies in early Septem-

ber are remarkably good value. And

the strength of the pound, which once

again buys ten francs, makes France

an even bigger bargain this autumn.

As an extra inducement, the local supermarkets offered top-quality sal-

ads and fruit, so food shopping was

go out to local restaurants for all your

meals or cook and eat everything at

the campsite. The tent made an

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Camped out in comfort

wind should be a good test of campers, especially for people like us who pondered long and hard before setting out for a late summer week at two sites in Brittany.

Were my wife Gillian and I, in our early fifties, too old for such a holiday? Was it the kind of trip that we could tolerate, let alone one we could enjoy? Would there be any other fifty-somethings there, or would it all be families with young

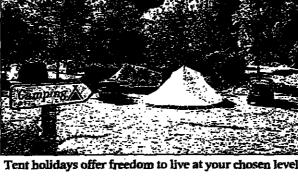
children? True, it was very much middleaged, middle-class camping. The tents were already erected and equipped with everything from a The subtle blue-grey refrigerator to gas rings, cutlery to barbecue, Everything, in short, had been laid on by Canvas Holidays with little for us to do for ourselves.

Except survive seven wet days in early September. We stayed at two sites. The first, Port l'Epine in nonhern Brittany, near Perros-Guirec, was a pretty site on the coast, overlooking a rocky bay sheltering a few tiny yachts. The tent was almost blown away by the strong winds of our two nights there, but we were neither cold nor uncomfortable

ther joy of our trip. For once a place lived up to its hype. The coastline was magical; we watched fishing boats go out to sea from prosperous ports and walked along sandy beaches in rocky coves that were remarkably deserted - another bonus of avoiding the main summer weeks.

colours of Brittany entranced us, causing profound regret at what has happened to similar British townscapes. Here there were no garish high-rise buildings to displease the eye but there was much to entice the visitor.

especially the older ones, as the towns on the coast recall vanished childhood memories. The restaurants seemed good and fair in price, with creperies a local hallmark and much delicious seafood. At Chez Pierre in Raguenes



coast, we enjoyed superbly cooked cod and a gratin of mussels as the main courses of our Frl10 (Ell) lunches in a room intent on its food. The dessert was equally special: a flambéed crèpe that was delicate and

A prime advantage of Brittany is its accessibility. It can be reached easily in a day from southern England and its winding coastline can be explored

special to you. The second campsite was in the wooded grounds of an 18thcentury chateau just outside Quimper. Terraced gardens overlooking the River Odet were open for us to explore, as were some

of the château build-

ings, notably an old

orangerie now serving as a stylish restaurant. · This second site was conspicuously clean and well presented. The lavatory blocks were immaculate, and there were spacious showers and washing-

up areas for the campers. Sleeping in the tent posed no problems. We had taken both sleeping bags and duvets. The bed was comfortable and the tent was windproof. We could hear the wind as it bellowed above us, but we did not feel it. Rain was likewise confined only to

the "So what are we all going to do?" refrain. Was it any wonder that we our hearing. Crucially, for us, it was out of high season and therefore

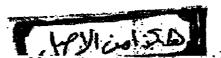
and another for children or guests. Having left behind our 21-year-old twins. Tom and Matthew, it meant their beds were available for us to store our clothes and suitcases. Not that we did not miss them enormously, but who wants a tidy tent? And there were no complaints when yet another day turned out to be wet and windy, and yet we managed to avoid

enjoyed being a couple again? DERRIK MERCER



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Britain: this is a good time to be amazed by mazes, says Susannah Jowitt, who explores some of the best

of adults will tell their children to "Get lost" - and the youngsters will do just that. No, it's not a bizarre form of family therapy, but the world's biggest maze - nearly four miles of paths leading through 10fthigh sweetcorn — and it is open to visitors until the corn is harvested at

the end of September.
The Millets Farm Centre Maize Maze, at Frilford, is a great spectacle. When I climbed one of its scaffolding towers, all I could see were the coloured flags carried by each family, which they raise when they want help. The Mazemaster sits atop his scaffolding tower to offer

This weekend, in a field of advice and, if you're really lost, you maize near Oxford, thousands can climb another tower and call him using a Wombles-style plastic speaking tube.

In Shepherd's Bush, west London, until September 7, crowds of visitors are exploring Britain's biggest inflatable maze — a multicoloured bouncy castle gone mad, called Dreamspace II, which is about equal in size to 25 Olympic swimming pools.

Ever since Theseus tangled with Ariadne, a ball of golden thread and the fearsome half-man, half-bull Minotaur, labyrinths and mazes have fascinated. Traditionally, a labyrinth consists of a single path and usually has mythical associations with entrapment. A maze is

more of a puzzle, with junctions and choices, often symbolic of a passage through life, or of fertility. Britain is the world leader in mazes, with 80 built since 1980, some in public

spaces and others in private gardens.
From ancient turf labyrinths to hedge mazes, to brickwork floors in shopping malls to the new generation of water mazes, educational mazes and sanity-threatening mirror mazes, the range is endless. What is abundantly clear is how popular they are with children.

In the Long Maze at Longleat, Wiltshire, the air was thick with excited shrieks: "We're nearly there... Run, Mum." Through the thick yew hedge to my left, came a

disconsolate little voice "[1] never get there... Nobody waited for me." "Mazes have always been a great tease," says Adrian Fisher, who has designed many of the mazes built in Britain in the past 17 years. "They should be an exciting experience for people, and different every time, as if you are seeing your own personal movie; yet it's reality and you're

having to make your own choices." • Millets Farm Centre Maire Maze, Frilford, Millets Farm Centre Mutte Index, Project, Oxfordshire (01865 391266): follow signs from A420 Oxford-Swindon Road. Open Thurs-Sun Ham-4:30pm until end of Sept. Adults E3, children E2. Entry to the coloured maze and rope maze free.

Dreamscape II, Shepherd's Bush Green, west London. Open 1-8pm daily until Sept 7.
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The neatly trimmed yew hedge maze in the beautiful grounds of Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, was planted in 1962 to an earlier simply connected design, and acts as a magnet to tempt passers by into another area of the garden

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BASED on a medieval 17-ring Christian design, the largest surviving ancient turf labyrinth stands open to all on the Common. In a bid to save the turf, the design was reversed so that you now walk on brick paths between low turf banks. An 18th-century document records that young men would race each other through the labyrinth to win the girl who waited at the centre.

Hampton Court Maze, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey (0181-781 9500).

Leave the A308 three miles west of Kingston. Open daily 9.30am-5.45pm. Allinclusive ticket £8.50, children £5.60; maze only, EZ, E I.20.

THE oldest surviving hedge maze in Britain (built in 1690). it pays the price for being the most famous by also being the most crowded, the most tiredlooking and the most littered. with Tarmac paths and heavily fenced, straggly yews. The heroes of Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a Boat got lost here, but if you don't want to. just follow the hand-on-thewall method: keep your left or right hand touching the hedge and, because this is a "simply connected" maze, you will eventually reach the middle.

Glendurgan Garden, Mawnan Smith, near Faimouth, Cornwall (01208 74281).

Four miles southwest of Falmouth, on the road to Helford Passage. Open daily (except Sun and Mon) 10.30am-4.30pm until Nov 2. E2.90.

CREATED in 1833 as part of the Victorians' craze for Italianate gardens, Glendurgan is one of three mazes owned by the National Trust. It is a freeflowing, innovative design of laurel hedges. Set on the side of a narrow valley, this is a rare example of a maze where you can enjoy first the bird'seye view, then walk across and try out the route.

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The educational Darwin Maze at Edinburgh Zoo

Hever Castle, Edenbridge, Kent (01732 865224).

Follow signs from Edenbridge town centre. Open daily Ham-5pm until Nov 30. House and garden £6.50. children £3.30: garden only, £4.90, £3.

PUT in by William Waldorf Astor in 1903, the yew maze has been joined by a water maze. The challenge is to get to the central tower and grotto without getting splashed by fountains. The moats, mazes and classic medieval castle make Hever hard to beat.

Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (01622 765400).

Follow signs from JS off M20, four miles east of Maidstone. Open daily 10am-5pm until Nov 1, then 10am-3pm. House and garden E8.50, children E5.50; garden only £6.50, £4.

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Castle has a rather sterile, fiendish modern maze and innovative, though hideous, grotto exit tunnel.

Longleat, Warminster, Wiltshire (01985 844400).

Foilow signs off A362 between Warminster and Frome. Open daily 10am-5_30pm until Nov 2. Passport to all attractions £12, children £10.

LONGLEAT is rapidly be-

coming the maze centre of Britain. It has Britain's largest hedge maze, with nearly two miles of pathway (although you do not walk this far if you find the right route to the centre), and cunningly placed bridges, spiral junctions and whirling lines all designed to confuse. Well worth the entrance fee, this maze attracts one in four of Longleat's 500,000 annual visitors. There are also three newer mazes:. the Maze of Love, disliked by purists because of its nauseat-

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shapes cut into the hedge, and the paired Sun Maze and Lunar Labyrinth, still kneehigh to a grasshopper, as the hedge has not yet grown, but charming none the less. An indoor maze using mirrors is due to open next March.

Archbishop's Maze, Grey's Court, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire (01491 628529).

Three miles west of Henley off B481. Open daily (except Thurs and Sun) 2-6pm. House and garden £4, children £2; garden only £3, £1.50.

A MODERN turf maze. Dedicated to Dr Robert Runcie, the

former Archbishop of Canterbury, what it lacks in suspense it makes up for in Christian symbolism.

Chatsworth, Bakewell. Derbyshire (01246 582204).

Follow signs off B6012. Open daily Ham 4.30pm until Nov 2. House and garden £5.90; garden . only £3.50.

AS PART of one of the most beautiful house and garden combinations in England, the yew maze holds its own Planted in 1962 to an earlier simply connected design, the maze acts as a magnet to tempt passers-by into another area of the garden, a device also used at Hampton Court and Grey's Court. Generously wide walkways between the hedges contrast with the green cool tunnels of Hever.

Darwin Maze, Edinburgh Zoo (0131-334 9171).

From centre of Edinburgh, follow signs for A8/M8 West towards Glasgow; the 200 is just past Murrayfield, on Costorphine Road. Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm; Sun 9.30am-6pm. All-inclusive ticket £6. children £3.20:

THE Darwin Maze is part of the modern trend to make mazes as interactive, informative and multi-dimensional as possible it is an educational

journey through the evolution of man, all in the form of a giant Galapagos tortoise. With its two decorative brick pavements - one a 100ft version of the DNA spiral, the other a portrait of an orangutan against a burning jungle - its quiz trail, and the possibility that you will be made extinct at the Chamber of Natural Selection with its foaming fountain gates, the attractions go beyond the fascinating puzzle of the hedge

Legoland Windsor, Berkshire (0990 040404).

Follow signs from J6 M4. Open daily 10am-6pm in Sept, weekends in Oct, closed from Nov 2. Allinclusive ticket £15.50, children £12.50

THE three inter-connected: Celtic. Tudor and Nautical mazes — they are hedge mazes, not made from Lego bricks - go even further than those at Edinburgh in their inventiveness. From the moment you step through the magically parting waterfall at the Disney-style castle portiul-lis, there is a gaddying array of musical chimes, interactive features and more foaming fountain gates.

For further information on mazes, call Adrian Fisher Maze Design on 01705 355500, or check out his interactive website on?

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Cath Urquhart, the new travel editor of The Times, on women campaigners the tour companies could not silence WEEKEND - SATURDAY AUGUST 30 1997

Fighting the bad

breaks

Andres, Brenda Wall was thinking only of the tropical paradise promised in her holiday brochure.

She certainly had a memorable holiday — but for all the wrong reasons. Instead of celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. Brenda and her husband Garry, from Castle Bromwich in the West Mich lands, were laid up with dysentery and salmonella. The beach that looked so beautiful in the brochure was covered with rubbish, and flies from an open sewage pit near the hotel swarmed into the restaurant and crawled over the buffet food, which was left uncovered for hours.
This month, three yes

after their disastrous holiday. the Walls - and 113 fellow holidaymakers who also fell ill on San Andres - agreed an out-of-court settlement with First Choice, the company they travelled with — although First Choice has made no admission of liability. But for Mrs Wall, 55, the story is not over. After successfully coordinating the San Andres claim, she has now set up a

pressure group. Holiday Travel-Holiday Travel-watch, to help other tourists bring similar cases. "I was inundated

sewage pit with letters from holidaymakers," she says. "The tour operators were telling them that they were the only ones complaining, or were offering them E50 compensation. But we're talking about people with very serious She is not alone

in fighting for holidaymakers' rights. Over the past five years, several pressure groups have been founded by women who have been badly let down. by holiday companies, and then found that their com-

plaints were ignored. Molly Maher formed Confety. International in 1992 after her son Gary, then 26, died and her daughter Sheree, now 34, was perma-nently disabled when they inhaled poisonous fumes from a faulty gas water heater at their holiday apartment in

Tenerife in 1985. At first, says Mrs Maher, the holiday companies did not want to talk to her, although she had the backing of Labour's consumer affairs spokesman - and now minister - Nigel Griffiths. But now we are past that stage and we talk. We inspect holiday accommodation used by British tour operators and ask them to improve it. Now there's a constructive atmosphere of support and cooperation," she said.

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Mrs Maher believes pressure from CSI was instrumental in persuading the three biggest tour operators -Thomson, Airtours and First Choice - to stop contracting accommodation that uses gas water heaters, in 1995.

CSI has long campaigned for a European Union directive on gas safety that would require member states to make improvements. "We have drafted one," says Mrs Maher. "So far there has been too much opposition to it for it to become law. But we have

not given up."

Jean Jeweil, who formed the Single Travellers Action Group in 1994, is another tourist-turned-terrier. snapping at the heels of any holiday

.company that overcharges single travellers — and that's most of them, she says. Saga is the only company that has really taken the plight of the single traveller to heart. Many of the hotels they use do not have single supplements. But many other operators routinely charge single travellers 50 or 100 per cent more for a room than they charge one half of a couple."

Kim Winter, managing editor of Holiday Which? magazine, believes these campaigning women are beginning to make a difference. These organisations were born out of the sheer frustration of getting tour operators to do anything," she says. "So many tour operators seem keen to fob you off when you

complain.
We have seen letters from their customer relations departments saying that the holidaymaker is exaggerating the problem. This only makes people more determined to Such indifference has made

disaffected holidaymakers turn to groups such as Holi-Travelwatch, she says. "Brenda Wall got people to-gether so they could afford to split the costs, and to give each other

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moral support." The holiday companies broadly dismiss the efforts of duction Union European Travel Package Regulations in 1992 had a far greater proach to safety and to customer relations. These rules mean that if something goes wrong on holiday. you can sue the tour operator in

Britain instead of the local hotelier or company that was at fault. Graham Phillips is a safety consultant to several small and medium-sized tour operators. He inspects holiday accommodation and ensures that it meets safety standards. "The Package Travel tions changed the whole ball game," he says. "Several years ago, operators chose a hotel based on factors such as its location, management and its architectural style. Now the key factor is safety."

But the three pressure groups were formed after the regulations were introduced. Brenda Wall's disastrous holiday occurred two years after they came into force. Campaigners say there is still a desperate need for pressure groups when normal complaints procedures fail.

ven some industry figures admit that the groups are doing some good. Martin Brackenbury, director of development and human resources for the Thomson Travel Group, said: "Consumer Safety International started off all over the place — but it is now a very sensible and

intellectual group."
Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, says: For too long the tour opera-tors have accepted second-rate safety standards in accommodation. But now their tune has changed, because of people such as Molly Maher and Brenda Wall."

Says Mrs Wall, "Setting up this group was the only way I have been able to succeed. If people band together to take these tour operators on, they will have to think again."



TRAVELWATCH

FOOD poisoning has bethe dominant come theme of complaints against holiday companies this summer.

Thomson has had to withdraw from a hotel on Ibiza after 20 people fell ill, and Thomson and Sunworld have both had to move people from hotels in the Dominican Republic following outbreaks of food poisoning and typhoid. Brenda who launched Holiday Travelwatch, is

not surprised. people contact me this month complaining of food poisoning on holiday, so I am grouping together people who stayed at the same place so they can make joint compensation claims,

The destination where holidaymakers are most likely to contract food poisoning, she adds, is the Dominican Republic. "Hygiene standards there are not always

high," she says.
"Holidaymakers must seriously think about everything that goes into their mouths.

"Make sure that the seal on your water bottle is not broken. And remember to avoid food that has been left uncovered, and make sure that it is piping hot." Holiday Travelwatch.

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CONSUMER SAFETY INTERNATIONAL

WHEN Molly Maher heard what had happened to her son and daughter on holiday in Tenerife, she and her late husband Peter flew out to investigate.

At first they were fobbed off. "The local paper got it all wrong and said that it was a husband and wife suicide pact," says Mrs Maher, 59.

The local authorities said the case was closed," she adds. "But we are not the sort of people to take everything at face value and we started to discover what had happened.

"We kept calling for an inquest but there were many delays. Finally the Westminster coroner held an inquest a year after Gary's death and recorded a verdict of accidental death by carbon monoxide poisoning."

SHEREE slowly recovered from the incident, although she is still confined to a wheelchair. By then her mother had become convinced that something had to be done to publicise such hazards at holiday resorts - whether they be faulty water heaters, poorly designed swimming pools, or blocked fire exits - so she launched the campaigning organisation. Consumer Safety International.



Gary Maher: killed

"There should be a government-funded helpline so not only can you get emer-gency assistance, but also help in obtaining justice later," she says. "But there's no government department responsible for the safety of holidaymakers abroad. Her advice to anyone

staying in accommodation that uses gas-powered water heaters is to leave a window open, and to use hot water for as short a time as possible.

They should also avoid

using gas-powered grills. and complain immediately if you believe the heater is

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Ashore we will see the major sights including the fabulous collection at the Armoury Museum in Moscow's Kremlin. the Tretyakov Gallery, the incomparable Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, and for many, a highlight will be the visit to Tchaikovsky's home at Klin where the curator will organise tours which will be followed by a piano recital. With the Lev Tolstov as our home, we

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SINGLE TRAVELLERS ACTION GROUP

JEAN Jewell took her first solo holiday in September 1993, a coach trip to Tuscany, after the death of her husband John earlier that year. As a single traveller, she was given sparsely furnished, dark rooms in attics or at the back of hotels. "I suddenly realised that I was paying more for less." she says. "I decided I was not going to put up with this for the rest

of my travelling life."

Mrs Jewell, now 70, formed the Single Travellers Action Group (STAG) in March 1994, and it now has more than 3,000 members. She campaigns for a better deal for the millions of holidaymakers who wish to travel solo with a tour operator. Most of them are charged a single-person supplement, so they pay more than half the price a couple will pay, yet they are usually given "a broom cupboard by the

lift shaft", says Mrs Jewell Companies often justify these supplements by arguing that single travellers do not spend as much in the bar or restaurant as couples. Mrs Jewell disagrees: "In a strange town, for example, a woman single traveller is more likely to stay in the hotel to eat than a couple, who will probably wander out to explore. Single travellers are definitely discriminated against and considered a confounded nui-

sance until it's time to pay up." Single Travellers Action Group, Church Lane, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK41 IHR, Membership £8 a year.

AROUND THE WORLD: A WEEKEND SUIT

Single sailors go to Greece

SEAFARER CRUISES (0171-234 0500) is offering its first Greek Island cruise especially for single travellers on what is called a Cycladic Jewels holiday.

The cruise departs from Athens on October 10 and planned on the itinerary are visits to the islands of Paros, Santorini, Ios, Naxos, Delos. Mykonos, Tinos and Kea.

Seafarer's cruises are informal. using motor yachts which carry 40 or so passengers in air-conditioned cabins with private facilities. They are likely to appeal most

to the 20-50 age group.

On the Cycladic Jewels holiday. each passenger pays 5695 for sole occupancy of a twin cabin. or between £499 and £649 if they are prepared to share. Prices include

Virgin Holidays (01293 617181) is now offering a number of special deals for the much-penalised single parent holidaymaker on a few of its American packages. At certain hotels in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas, for example, a single parent will be allowed the full children's discount in a family room.

A week at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles costs from £579 to £789 per adult; two weeks will cost from £769 to £999. These prices include flights and accommodation. If children aged under 12 share the room, they pay half these prices. Multi-centre holidays are also available.

VISITORS to Rome who cannot face the unholy scramble to view the Vatican's Sistine Chapel might consider the six-day Connoisseur's Rome trip, starting on November 28. organised by art specialist Martin Randall Travel (0181-742 3355). This includes an afternoon's private visit to the Chapel, as well as other medieval. Renaissance and Baroque collections of postclassical Rome. The trip. accompanied by lecturer Hugh Brigstocke, costs £990 which includes flights. B&B, three dinners with wine and all entrance fees.

African birds

FOR Chris Breen, who organises

JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

ful bird there is. The arrival and nesting of these intra-Africa mi-grants on the banks of Zambia's Luangwe River in September is one of the world's most colourful spectacles.

Mr Breen's company, Worldlife Worldwide (0181-667 9158), offers two 13-day natural history tours. departing September 17 and 24, to coincide with the migration and to spot endemic sub-species such as the Cookson's wildebeeste and Crawshay's zebra. The tours cost £2,080, fully inclusive.

Dummy run

REUNITING a lost and distressed child with his Easter ski class in the Trois Vallées a few years ago, I was horrified to discover that his class of seven to ten-

year olds consisted of 35 children. Family specialist Ski Esprit (01252 616789) was similarly ap-palled at the child:instructor ratios and the "poseur" ski teachers. The company employs its own local instructors, who are 'all prepared to double as nose-wipers". It insists on a ratio of 1:6 for the younger age group and 1:8, or occasionally 1:10, for older children. Five-day Ski Clubs are divided between three to four-year-olds (Spritelets) and five to ten-yearolds (Sprites), and cost £89. New half-day activity clubs run by "Snow Rangers" entertain three to ten-year-olds who cannot cope with a full day's skiing, and cost

£50 for three days, £95 for six days. Nurseries with qualified British nannies for children aged four months upwards cost £115 a week.

A week's chalet-based halfboard holiday in a choice of six French resorts costs £398, with discounts of 25 per cent to 50 per cent for children up to 17 years. Flights, wine with meals and a night's baby-sitting are included.

Drink 'n' drive

A NEW Hops and Vineyards itinerary from Inntravel (01653 628811) directs beer and wine enthusiasts on a self-drive meander from French Flanders, through the hunting forests of Picardy to Champagne country. Overnight stays are in village auberges which offer traditional regional cooking. For example, the Hostellerie St Louis, in the Flemish village of Bollezeele, is in an area that produces some of France's best beers; the Auberge St Vincent, at Ambonnay, gets the whole village engaged in the production of its bubbly.

The price is £287-£299 for the six-

night tour which includes ferry fares for car and passengers and two nights' half-board at each of the auberges.

Bushman's life

HOLIDAYMAKERS are offered an insight into the life of traditional Bushmen in the Kalahari on a six-day safari in Botswana. Sleeping in grass shelters (but with beds, bucket showers and long-



Zimbabwe, the blue-capped carmine bee-eater arrives in Zambia in September

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drop loos), learning the art of tracking and how to extract medicines from plants are all part of the experience, which is organised by a non-profit making Bushman Pressure Group, affiliated to the United Nations, and the Uncharted Africa Safari Company. The aim is to create awareness of the plight of the Bushmen, whose lifestyle is threatened with extinction by resettlement."

The six-day Bush Experience, which costs £1,875 per person can be (excluding flights), organised by the specialist British tour firms Africa Exclusive (01604 28979) and Cazenove and Loyd (0181-875 9666).

HERE is a chance to explore Chianti country on a budget - after our political leaders have departed Eurocamp (01565 626262) can offer tents and mobile homes in Figline Valdorno, between Siena and Florence, from September 19 until October 27 for a total of £465 for a two-week break for up to six people (two adults and four children). This price includes the rent of the tent or mobile home, and the ferry crossing over the Channel for car and passengers. Campers will have to drive there, which may mean an overnight stay en route.

New York news

this month, I noticed how many of the tourist guides spoke with strong foreign accents, and won-dered what had happened to the all-American product. All was explained in The New York Times. Niche for Newcomers in Leading Sightseers" was the headline. Seemingly foreign tourists want guides who not only speak their language but also "share the culture". At New York Double Decker Tours, for instance, all 15 guides are from other countries as they can "bring a cultural insight that few Americans can ever achieve".

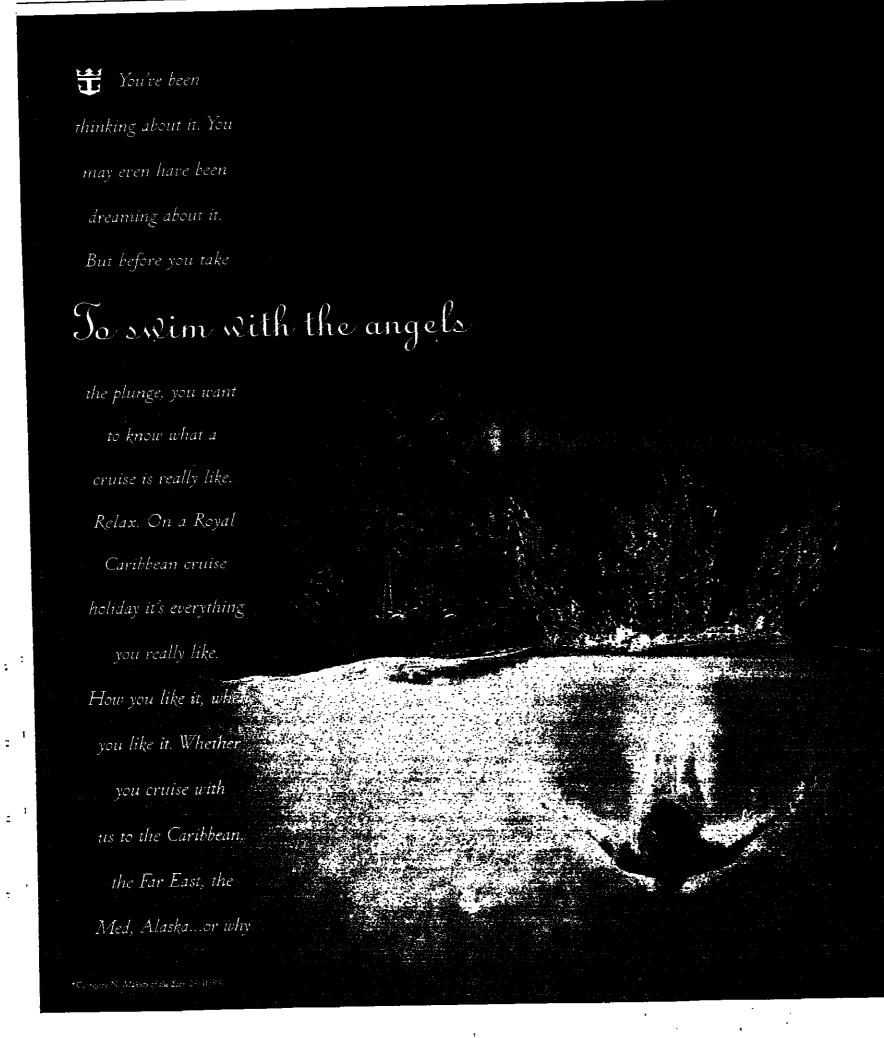
However, for the all-American visitors to New York, all-American guides are seemingly still the best; the natives just want to know where the stars live, where the models hang out and what's playing where, while foreign guides might take a group of tourists through the Bronx and forget to point out the Yankee Stadium". For those visitors needing guidance on guides, the peripatetic New York Convention and Visitors Bureau is about to move to 810



In search of ancient civilisations

Thailand have caused enormous deforestation and loss of wildlife. Environmental charity Earthwatch monumental heads, above, still baffle the imaginaloss of wildlife. Environmental charity Earthwatch (01865 311600) seeks volunteers to help research the problem. The fortnightly projects, between November and March, cost £1,080 per person. Volunteers

LOGGING and agriculture in the forests of northern are also needed to investigate the disappearance of tion. The 15-day projects in October and November cost £1,350 each. Board and locating are provided by Earthwatch, but travel costs are extra for all trips.



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The ever-chic New England island still charms - especially when the crowds start to thin, says Tom Pocock

Sweet late harvest on Martha's Vineyard



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orny-handed sons of toil were scarce at the Martha's Vineyard farmers market. The farmers present tended to be organic, female and middle-class; one had been an architect and most of them looked as if they had taken arts degrees. If not sell-ing chemical-free fruit and vegetables, they marketed their own brands of jams, soft drinks or sauces such as lavender lemonade, pesto Vineyardo and a product labelied "Warning! May be addictive!", which turned out to be a delicious mixture of sea salt, basil, parsley, onion and

But this is what one expects on this little island off the coast Americans from Boston, New York and New England have long known about Martha's Vineyard, so named when an Englishman named Bartholomew Gosnold charted the sland for the British crown in 1602, and named it after his daughter, and for the wild grapes and berries he saw

growing there.
The island is about the size of the Isle of Wight, some 20 miles long and nine miles across at its widest point, covered with woodland of scrub oak and pine, or farmland divided by dry-stone walls, and surrounded by

Once inhabited in summer by seafarers (suitably, one of the oldest land-owning families is named Hornblower), farmers and Indians, it proved ideal for holidays, on which one could pretend to go abroad by taking the ferry for the seven-mile voyage from Woods Hole

on the mainland. Word got about and soon there was an annual mvasion. Now the island's population of about 12,000 rises to nearly summer. Its six litvery crowded --- no-

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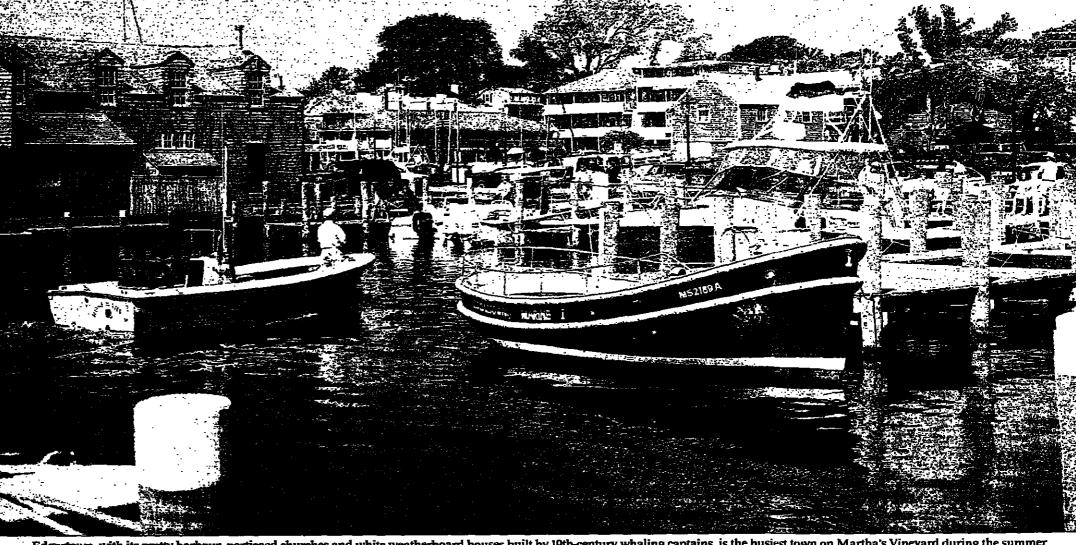
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Edgartown, its pretty, white, weather-boarded nedy drove his car off the houses built by whaling captam contemporaries of Moby Dick, porticoed churches and a bar from the prohibition period, still misleadingly named The Reading Room.

Each town took on its own character: Chilmark is said to be the smartest; black professionals choose Oak Bluffs with its little wooden gingerbread houses: and Vineyard Haven is the lively working port.

Those who have chosen to retire or holiday regularly



Edgartown, with its pretty harbour, porticoed churches and white weatherboard houses built by 19th-century whaling captains, is the busiest town on Martha's Vineyard during the summer

ment to the island. It may not be as beautiful as they claim. but it is charming. It is not cracular, and even the desplate promontory called Gay Head, which has been turned into a tourist attraction, with its car park and viewing points, would go unnoticed in

Devon or Cornwall.

There is much talk of country life and closeness to nature: sometimes too close because the woods are full of deer ticks, which can carry Lyme disease.

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autumn

and poison ivy. Verandas and windows have to be As summer shielded by finemesh wire screens to keep out biting There is another

form of infestation,

which is causing

colours: the ladies of the farmers' market begin and their customers. It all began when Edward Kenbridge over Chappaquiddick creek in 1969, was confirmed by the purchase of an estate on the island by the late Jackie Kennedy Onassis, and contin-

ues with visits from the Clintons - who have just spent three weeks here - and Princess Diana. Other notables have sought retirement here. Robert MacNamara, US Defence Secretary at the time of the Vietnam War, lives in the

Simon and the humorist Art Buchwald also live here. So. no wonder Martha's Vineyard has become such a smart address with new money buying so-called "trophy homes" with guest cottages for visitors

The camp-followers come too, of course, and all year they can be seen photographing each other, grinning on the bridge at Chappaquiddick. Yet much that is pleasan

survives. New houses are built of wood and must be sited and built to conform. Virgin land is bought up by the island authorities to preserve it from development and to create nature reserves, well served by

sell what they probably saw as a bleak little island to the highest bidder, but the new colonists fight for the beaches with Churchillian resolve. They are vocal and articulate and their views are given currency by the editor of the island's leading newspaper. The Vineyard Gazette.

Conservationist battles are fought and usually won. One recent victory was over the Wampanoag Indians still living around Gay Head, who decided to spend the government compensation for land lost in the last century on opening a casino resort on the island. The ferry company was

number of potential gamblers, and the Indians were persuaded to open their casino on the mainland.

This patriotism is fiercest when the summer holidays end, and half the houses are shut for the winter, as are many of the boutiques. Now is the time for the resident writers to huddle over their wordprocessors and cottage industries to stock up for the

These include the Wampanoag Indians' charming cos-tume jewellery made from blue quahog clam shells and, at Chilmark, a chocolate factory staffed by the handi-capped, which makes rgenable truffles.

he original islanders. The next two months are a perfect time to visit; as the summer tourists leave, the display of New England autumn colours begins: As the evenings start to darken, it is time to start browsing in the voluminous second-hand bookshop Book Den East at

The celebrities and builders of trophy homes have returned to their cities, the scrub oaks lash in the tails of Atlantic hurricanes and the sea is at times too rough even for the sturdy little ferries from Woods Hole.

Then the skies clear and the night sky glitters with stars free from urban light-pollution. And at such times Martha's Vineyard is as addictive as that concoction of sea salt

■ Virgin Holidays (01293 617181) has a dedicated New England brochure. The 1998

issue is out next month. Current availability includes two weeks at the Falmouth Inn. Falmouth, room only for £609pp, departing November 10, including hire car. Insurance adds another £294.

■ New England Country Homes (01798 869020) also has a brochure with inclusive flight, car and accommodation packages. ■ The ferry terminal at Woods Hole can be reached by Bonanza bus (\$17/£11) from Boston's Logan Airport, Driving time

from the airport to Woods Hole is two and a Ferries are run by the Martha's

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GETTING THERE

Authority (001 508 477 8600), Summer gets busy — book in advance. The pedestrian fare on the ferry is \$4.25 (£2.80).

Cars, Jeeps, mopeds and bicycles can be hired on the island. Shuttle buses operate between the island's two ferry ports. Vineyard Haven and Oak Bluffs, and the

■ Martha's Vineyard Reservations (00) 508 693 7200) can book inns. B&Bs and hotels. Prices don't start much below £100 a night per double room. The modernised

Victorian Harbor View Inn and the Thorneroft Inn. a 19th-century inn with four poster beds, charge \$200 (£130) a night.

Reading: Dorothy West is a member of the long-standing African-American community in Oak Bluffs, Her excellent novel. The Wedding, portrays island life. An Introduction to Martha's

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seclusion of these thickety persuaded to limit numbers of woods, and the singer Carly Island's peace lures famous

From the aircraft, Martha's Vineyard looks an unlikely holiday destination. Its beaches are small and rugged: some are better known for their red cliffs and violet sunsets than their swimming. There are no grand hotels, and few swimming

Although there are large, historic homes in Edgartown. the old whaling port, and elaborately woodworked cottages surrounding Oak Bluffs' Tabernacle Methodist campground, most homes on the Vineyard are made of weathered wood and wrapped by Why, then, do the wellheeled - America's First Fam-

ily most prominent among them - choose the austerely handsome Vineyard for their summer hideaway? Precisely because they can hide away here. Martha's Vineyard, nicknamed The

Rock", is swathed in oak forest. And its deep cleaving sea inlets create miles of hardto-reach shoreline, accessible only by private right of way or yacht. Add to these natural fea-

tures the residents' tendency to pay the famous visitors little heed. "That," says Laurence Michie, associate publisher of the 151-year-old The Gazette. is our mystique. President Bill Clinton this

month retreated to an acquaintance's well-hidden estate, appearing in public only when he chose. Fellow celebrities various members of the Kennedy clan. actors Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen (hosts of Clinton's 51st birthday clambake on the island), singers



First among equals: the Clintons sail with the Kennedys

Carly Simon and Jimmy Buffet, author William Styron, and media figures Walter Cronkite and Katharine Graham. - tend to dine in or exchange invitations among

Consequently, celebrity spotting is difficult. The most likely place to see a famous face is the Savoir Faire restaurant in Edgartown (recently spotted: Styron and columnist Art Buchwald). The less pubheity-shy Clintons visited book and clothes shops in Vineyard

Haven.

san Travis Tuck has sold some of his large, beautifully worked copper weathervanes to familiar figures: a dinosaur to the Jurassic Park film director Steven Spielberg, and a winged messenger to an executive from Mercury Communications. Meanwhile, night-time here

From his studio there, arti-

is a much livelier affair than it used to be. Younger crowds bar crawl around Oak Bluffs. while big spenders fill Edgartown Vineyard Haven has laidback cafés and the always-thronged Black Dog Tavern and bakery. The easygoing Home Port in tiny Menemsha probably has the

Everywhere but Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, you must take your own wine and beer

Martha's Vineyard may harbour the famous, but it isn't snobby. For most helidaymakers, the lighthouses, sailing, golfing, fishing, surfbattered beaches, winding roads and sand dunes are the enduring attractions.

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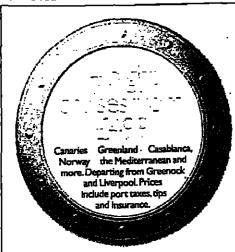
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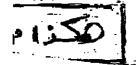
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Bogdan Lalic, James Plaskett and Keith Arkell. The following game, 2 in a sharp variation of the Sicilian Defence was one of the most

interesting and important from a theoretical point of view. White: James Plaskett, Black: Julian Hodgson Mind Sports Olympiad with Skandia 1997 Sicilian Defence

e4 d4 Nc3 Nf3 d6 Nxd4 Nf6 Be3 Bg7 Qd2 Nc6 **c**5 cxd4 Bc4 Bd7

White has selected one of the sharpest lines against Black's Dragon Sicilian. White's intention is to castle queenside and then blitz the opposing king. 10 Bb3 Rc8 11 h4 h5

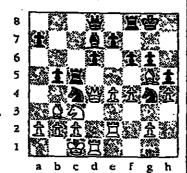
This blocking manoeuvre became popular after several games from the 1995 World Championship between Anand and Kasparov. 12 0-0-0 Ne5 13 Bg5 Rc5

In game 17 of the Anand-Kasparov match from New York 1995, White played 14 Kb1. The divergence here is more forcing. Nc4 15 Qd3 b5

16 Rhe1 Massing his forces in the centre. Nevertheless, this natural move appears to be a novelty. Perhaps it has been neglected because of the possibility that White's bishop on gS may become exposed. Hodgson immediately sets about seeking to

exploit this factor. 16 ... Ng4 Attention should be devoted to the alternative 16 ... Nh7. As played, Black introduces ideas of both ... Nf2 and ... f6 winning material.

And not the immediate 17 . . . 16 on account of 18 Ndxb5. 18 Cxd4 #5

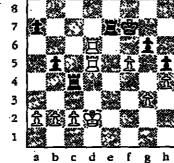


Black's strategy means White's bish-op is trapped, so White unleashes the power of his central legions. Bc6

If 19 ... ixg5 20 exd6 poses Black insuperable problems, given that his knight on c4 remains pinned. 20 exf6 exf6 21 Re6 Qd7 In this case 21 ... fxg5 fails to 22

Rxg6+. 22 Rde1 Rf7 To parry the threat of Re7, but now

White ca squared b				
23 Bxf6 25 Ree6 27 Ne4 29 Qxc6 31 Rxd6 33 Rfd6 35 R1d3 37 R3d5	Rg7 Bxe4 Rxc6 Rgc7	26 (28 (30) 30) 32 (34) 36 (g3 Dxe4 Bxc4 Rd2 Rd1 Kd2	Kh7 B13 Qc6 Rxc4 Re4 Ree7 Kf7



White's fine manoeuvres have led to an overwhelming endgame and Black soon resigned.

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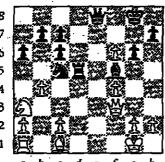
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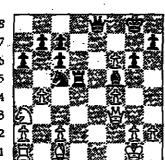
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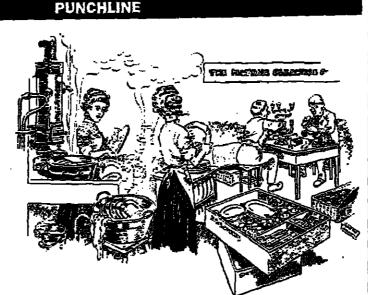
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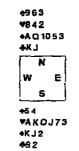
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Contract: Four Hearts by South Lead: the ace of spades (1)Ostensibly 12-14, but see below

West leads the ace of spades on which East plays the two, and West switches to the five of clubs. Which card should declarer play?

Clearly after his vulnerable overcall East is likely to have the ace of clubs. So declarer's best chance is that West has the queen, and the correct club play is the jack. Declarer should also be ready to play the nine from hand, conceal-ing the two. That may give East a problem even if he has the queen. When this hand came up at TGR's, the distribution was some-

what different — see the next column: North was the exuberant Australian international Michael Courtney. If you challenged him on

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his opening bid, he would go all serious and tell you something about the importance of getting in with a pre-emptive INT when you are weak in the majors. However. the real reason is that he had just returned from the Cavendish tournament in Las Vegas \$60,000 the richer, and likes a bit of fun when he is playing for a snivelling £100 a

When West switched to a club, as declarer held a singleton he put up the king. East won, and cashed a spade on which West played the eight. That was consistent with an initial holding of AS7 - it is correct to play the card you would have played had you been continuing the suit. Now East had to decide whether to try another spade or the queen of clubs. He in fact played the queen of clubs, missing the point I made at the beginning of the article - if declarer had a doubleton club he would have played the jack from dummy at

trick two. Thus declarer also made a mistake - playing the king of clubs gives away the fact he has a singleton. He should have played the jack, leaving open the possibility he had more than one club.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

THE computer screen can be an unhealthy snare as it holds us captive for hours at a stretch to surf the Net or play games. There are ways to minimise strain and stress during lengthy stints in front of a monitor. Every half an hour or so it is a good idea to look away from the screen and focus on something on the other side of the room, which

exercises tired eyes.

Place the monitor at a height that feels comfortable, and if you get stiff or aching shoulders, stand up and stretch hourly. Lastly, until painful knots in the upper-back muscles by pushing your shoulders together four or five times: you may look like a flapping duck trying to fly but it should help.

Continually staring into the screen is not the only way to enjoy the computer, of course. Cross-over craft titles allow you to start a project on the desktop but finish it elsewhere with your hands, and for children they can be just as engrossing as a build-your-own-radio or blow-up-your-own-bedroom science kit.

Anglia Multimedia has launched

Super Iron-On Kit and Super Create-A-Book Kit. Each includes a dual format PC/Mac CD-Rom and materials for projects. I favour

the first, which comes with a blank white T-shirt (size: "Kids L"), four A4 sheets of specially coated transfer paper and a small pot of luminous fabric paint with a paintbrush.

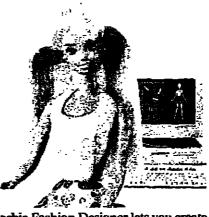
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The print-out is trimmed and, After two minutes of gentle ironing. the backing sheet is peeled away with tweezers unless you have asbestos fingers.

The revelation process is always exciting and the quality of the final

by Tim Wapshott



Barbie Fashion Designer lets you create a glamorous gown for Barbie - or Ken

print is presentable, if a little thin. The Super Iron-On Kit makes a great gift, which is appropriate since we've got a dozen to give enter.

There are two previously re-leased titles in the Anglia Multimedia series: Pop-Up Greetings Kit and Window Art Kit. The latter allows you to design and print small colour transparency pictures to frame and hang in the window. Girls rarely get software

titles aimed exclusively at them. Even troubled Eidos Interactive's sexily indepen-dent Tomb Raider heroine, Lara Croft, is not really doing it for herself so much as for the salivating male majority that buys most games. One rare exception is Mattel Media's Barbie Fashion Designer. This includes designing software on a Windows CD-Rom, special printable fabric, silver glitter paint, colour markers and a selection of baubles and heads to adorn finished fashion miniatures. No stitching is necessary.

With this title, if you want, you can also join the ranks of New York's trendiest, who have taken to dressing up Barbie's boyfriend doll. Ken, as a transvestite.

ning Press has entered the British software market with four CD-Rom Discovery Kits. The least stoic is the Weather Tracker's Kit, that bundles software and a booklet with the accourrements to set up a

weather station in the garden. The Dinosaur Hunter's Kit, Lost Civilisations Explorer's Kit and Gem Hunter's Kit narrowly miss the spot. Better to wait for the eventual import of other titles in the series already selling in America, such as Grow Your Own Crystals and Boston's Museum of Science Inventor's Workshop.

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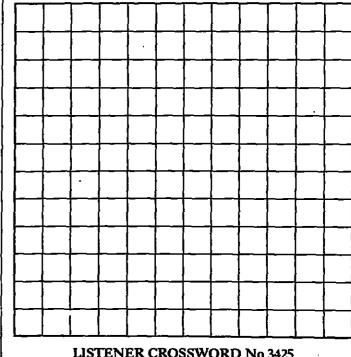
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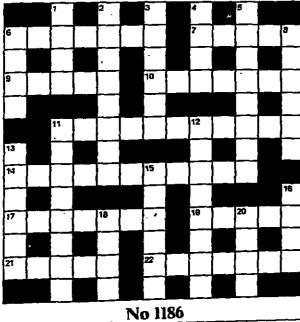
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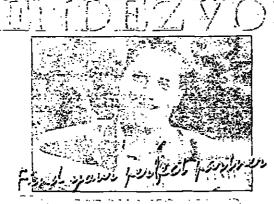


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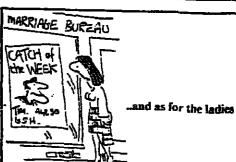
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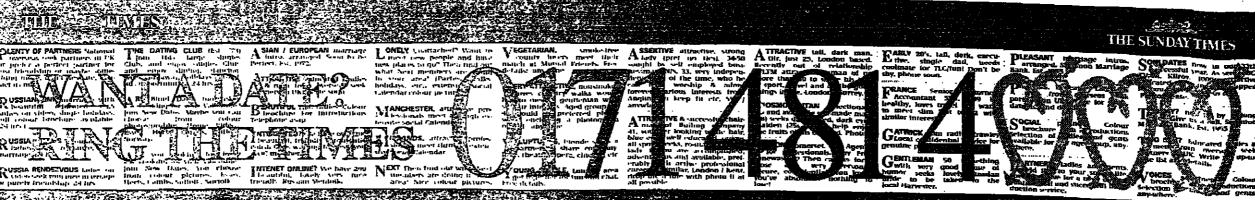
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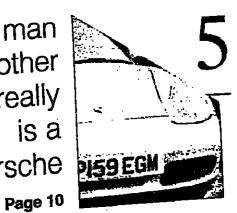


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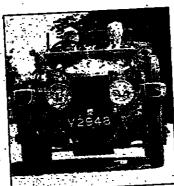
Lord Montagu looks forward to the rally of a lifetime

On the high road to China

ext Saturday, I shall be the first car under the the 12,000 mile Peking-Paris Motor Challenge, which celebrates the 90th anniversary of the original race won by Prince Scipione Borghese in his 7,433cc Itala. This event, which has been four years in the planning, must be the most ambitious classic car rally ever held; not least because so many of the 96 entrants - to quality a car must be of a type announced before the end of 1967—are pre-1950 models.

Our route will cross the Himalayas via Tiber using the world's highest motor roads, at heights in excess of 17,000ft, and in Nepal alone we shall have to ford 13 rivers, some wider than the Thames at Westminster. In China, Tibet and Nepal, we will drive on gravel roads, often with badly broken surfaces, and sleep under

canvas at night, for there are no hotels in that part of the world. It is, incidentally, the first rally to pass through Tibet and Nepal and the first to cross Iran since 1977, for though it links Peking and Paris, its route overland is entirely different from that followed by the original



The 1915 Prince Henry Vauxhall

competitors, taking in India and Pakistan instead of Mongolia and Siberia. According to Philip Young, whose Classic Rally Association has overcome many obstacles to make this marathon possible: There was little point in trying to retrace the 1907 route, as the Russian Federation roads are too good to form any sort of challenge!"
The choice of cars is highly

individual, covering the entire spec-trum from a 425cc 1958 Citrõen Deux Chevaux to a 1907 La France with a 9.4 litre engine. My own choice is a 1915 Prince Henry

Vauxhall from the National Motor Museum. Designed by Laurence Pomeroy Snr and recognised as Britain's first real sports car, it distinguished itself in the pre-First World War trials held in Germany under the patronage of Prince Henry, the Kaiser's younger brother. The joy of this car is that it has good ground clearance and it is constructed along traditional lines so that the repair work is simple simple enough, I hope, for any Chinese or Indian mechanic. Modifications include a long-range fuel tank, strengthening the suspen-sion, upgrading the electrical system, fitting larger duty wheels and tyres - and two cigar lighters.

Some entries — such as the 1966 Wolseley 24/80, 1960 Morris Minor, 1951 MG YB saloon and 1967 Ford Anglia Estate — would not look out of place on an outing to the supermarket, yet their owners have sufficient confidence in their powers of endurance to drive them

across two continents. Others will cover the 12,000 miles from Peking to Paris in limousine luxury: no less than five entrants will be driving Rolls-Royces, in-



Rosie Thomas: "The boxing is really making a difference"

Romantic Rosie strikes a blow for the middle-aged

Morag Preston meets an unlikely entrant

iddle-aged mother abandons family to travel halfway across the world. Could this be the bones of romantic novelist Rosie Thomas's next bestseller?

Less than a year before her fiftieth birthday, she is about to embark on the Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. The no-non-sense mother of two has learnt how to navigate, honed her driv-ing skills, and taken up boxing to build up her strength.

When I finished my last novel. I started moaning to my literary agent that I couldn't possibly write another one straight away." Thomas says. "He asked me what I wanted to do. I said heli-skiing, scuba diving, and most of all, I wanted to walk to Evereet." Withwanted to walk to Everest." Within a year, she achieved all three. Inspiration for the rally came

from Phil Bowen, her Everest expedition leader. "My kids are ready to fly the nest and I'm looking for a change," says Thomas. "I'm striking a blow for middle-aged housewives."

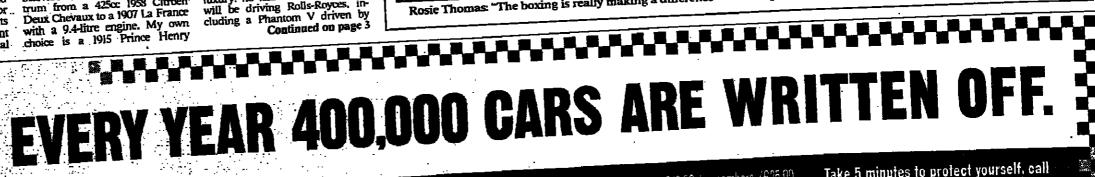
Thomas did not learn to drive until her late twenties, and now feels happiest behind the wheel of a BMW 325 coupé. In search of something "simple, robust, strong, attainable, and cheap".

she and Bowen contacted the Volvo Owners' Club and found a 1966 Volvo Amazon and have spent around £15,000 turning it into a viable set of wheels.

Thomas's main concern is what will happen to the car in the scorching desert heat. Travelling through Tibetan passes at 17,000ft, past Everest base camp on the highest road in the world, the team will be expected to cover distances of between 60 and 450 miles a day.

Putting in more time at the gym Putting in more time at the gymhas not been a struggle for the fitness enthusiast: "I've just stepped up my programme a good half a dozen notches." For the last six months, she has been going to her gym every day and has taken up boxing to build up her upper hody, sparring twice a week with body, sparring twice a week with ex-super middleweight John Davis. "Remember, the car doesn't have power steering," says Thomas. "The boxing is really making a

difference." Waiting at the finishing line in Paris will be a gaggle of the author's well-wishing friends. Her husband, literary agent Caradoc King, has been extremely supportive, she says. "He hates roughing it as much as me, but I think he's slightly jealous."



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One of the difficulties of the transport debate is that it is conducted dishonestly. There is no intention to deceive, but there is dishonesty by omission

Up to a point, Mr Prescott

the road to hell is paved with good intentions, although of course the Govhave cancelled it or had it built and owned by the private sector. Never mind: much of what John Prescott said last week when he launched the plan to get cars off the roads made perfect sense. The trouble is,

how is he going to make it work? The scale of his attack on the two-car family has been slightly exaggerated, but there is no doubt that the Deputy Prime Minister thinks that households with two cars are a major problem. The facts do not support him. For one thing, only one in five households runs two cars, twice the level of 20 years ago but not showing much sign of growing rapidly now.

The other part of the two-car situation presents a much more

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

intractable problem, for it is clear that the extra car and the congested roads are not in the same place. It may well be that just as many people living in cities own two cars as do in the rural areas, but this does not mean the two cars are Among families in cities, the pattern is for children to be taken to school in a car by one partner while the other travels to work on public transport. In rural areas, this use of different transport types is often impossible because there is no, or little, public transport. So both family cars are on the road all the time. This doesn't normally matter, because there is little congestion in the country. One of the difficulties of the

transport debate is that it is conducted dishonestly. There is no intention to deceive, but there is dishonesty by omission. The reality is that the car "crisis" exists only in cities, and mostly in large cities at that: London, Manchester, Birmingham. Sheffield and the like.

So we are left with a circular debate in which people confuse car ownership (relatively low in Brit-Politicians dare not state this simple fact, for fear that everyone living outside large cities will ain) with car use (relatively high),

towns with cities, essential jourdecide that there is no need for them to change their behaviour. neys with non-essential ones. The reality is that the lack of rural. Mind you, the last point is easily illuminated: all my journeys are, pubic transport means they are unable to change their behaviour essential, all yours are not.

Mr Prescott said when he launched the new policy: "It's no good being tough with motorists and not offering them an alternative. Having two cars is a symp-

tom of the failure of the public transport system rather than a sign of prosperity. I want motorists to be able to make a choice."

Unfortunately there is no word as to how this choice will be provided. Apparently Government ministers on trips abroad have been told to use public transport, to see how foreign cities manage. I

manage by having public transport owned by the public. The Conservatives sold off our

can save them the bother: they

railways and buses, therefore the only way the Government can influence public transport provision is by further subsidy (no extra money available, says the Trea-sury) or by nationalisation (unthinkable under new Labour). There is a glimmer of hope in the Green Paper, which talks of a return to public regulation of bus services, but there is no clue as to exactly how this would work.

There is a factor just as important as those above but hardly ever mentioned. We drive children to school because we fear they may be attacked if allowed to walk Women, especially, drive late at night in cities because they are afraid to use Tubes and buses. So, even if public transport was made available, would we send our children to school by bus? How will the Government make women feel as safe on the London Underground as they do in their cars?

These wider social factors impinge heavily on our habitual use of cars. The Government faces a huge social engineering task if these habits are to be changed

See the record cavalcade of our motoring yesterdays

Adesigned by Alec Issigonis, and electric, gas and solar-powered cars will all take part in this year's Coventry Run next Sunday.

When organisers announced the final plans last week, they revealed the widest-ever range of vehicles for the event which attracts thousands of spectators along its 65-mile route through Coventry, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, Learnington Spa and War-wick. The record entry has been achieved with the support of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers which is sponsoring the event to mark

its 150th anniversary. The Institution has assembled a collection of 20 cars to celebrate motoring milestones over the years - and they were often cars which created new niches and turned the motoring world on its head. Like the Mini, the creation of Sir Alec, who invented a box on wheels just 10ft long, or the Range Rover, which elevated 4x4 motoring to a new concept of luxury four-wheel drive cars when it came on to the market

in 1969. A 1925 Austin Chumny, a 1935 Rolls-Royce Phantom and new cars powered by alternative fuels will also take part in the huge and glamorous lineup, proving how British invention and cheery eccentric flair have overcome our shortcomings for assembly line efficiency and ability to match Japanese-style productivity.

Tony Dawe on how the best of

British will

take a special

Sunday run

from Coventry The entry of 480 cars and 18 motorcycles has still left many who wanted to take part disappointed. Twenty places have been reserved, however, for readers of CAR 97 with

interesting and historic mo-

tors. (More details of The Times Twenty and a map of the route will appear next Other special categories include a Midlands' Lord Mayors' parade in vehicles from Coventry's Museum of British Road Transport, a Jaguar Daimler collection and a pa-

rade of fascinating vehicles belonging to Institution Martin Hone of Internation-Festival Services, the organisers, says: "The attraction of the Coventry Run is the historical variety that presents itself to spectators, with the development of the motor car

colourful parade. *Compare the trundling 1904 Siddeley with the 250mph McLaren Fl of 1997 and you would think they were a million years apart not just

unfolding before their eyes in a



Part of a colourful parade of Britain's motoring history

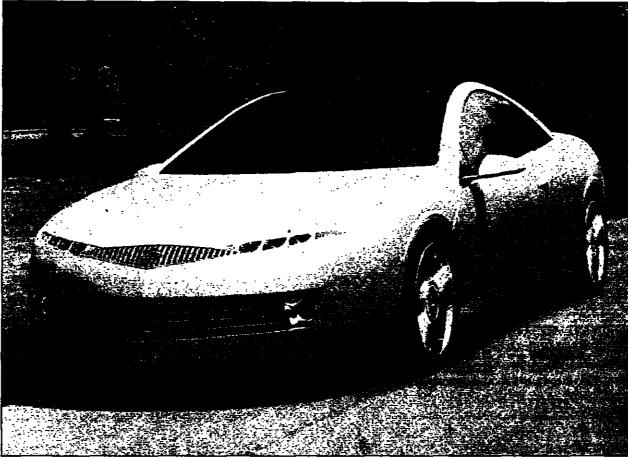
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AUTOFAX by David Long and Les Evans

Kevin Eason looks ahead to the Frankfurt Motor Show

even if they wanted to.



The MC2: Ford finally to have found some courage in the spirit of its worldwide boss, British-born Alex Trotman

geous monster; it is not a concept from Italy or one of the supercar makers — it is a Ford, and it could be on our streets within a year.

Ford is on a roll with

adventuruous designs for the Ka and the recently launched Puma coupé. Now the Mondeo is considered the next suitable case for a workover and should look something not far from this early effort when it arrives, badged the Cougar. The wraps come off the MC2, as this concept is codenamed by designers in Britain and Germany, at the Frankfurt Motor Show next

month. Everyone will be battling for attention at this show which promises to be one of the most exciting for years. The motor ndustry is awash with rumours that Rover will finally show us what the new Mini is going to look like, while the British company will be in the spotlight anyway with the official unveiling of its new mini four-wheel drive Land Rover, the Freelander - pre-viewed extensively in CAR 97 next week.

Freelander is the car the world has waited years for, a compact yet robust 4x4 with style, durability and performance. Rover executives are walking around with smiles as wide as cats who have stolen the corporate cream because all their early soundings tell them that Freelander is going to be a huge success.

There is also a sense of national pride seeping into the design and engineering studios and around the assembly lines because Freelander was designed in-house as Rover ended its 16-year partnership

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Codename Cougar adds bite to Mondeo

with Honda and was signed off before BMW took full control; it is as British a British car as we have seen for years. But hats off to Ford, which seems finally to have found some courage in the spirit of its feisty worldwide boss, British-born Alex Trotman. Can this really be the same company that disastrously relaunched the stodgy, staid Escort followed rapidly by that executive dog's dinner, the

If the Cougar looks any-thing like the MC2, it will turn heads in every high street in

Claude Lobo. Ford's director of small and medium car design, says his team was trying to bring fresh eyes to the coupé sector, once dominated by the Capri but which has since foundered with the blandness of the Probe. Rivals are not much to write home about either, with the Vauxhall Calibra now looking tired and dated and Peugeot's undoubtedly gorgeous 406 coupe hardly a snip at

The market is wide open for

Mondeo, which remains the outstanding model in the medium segment. There are cute V6 engines available, while the styling should be enough to attract attention - if Ford keeps faith with this design.

ost interesting is the roof which is a series of five louvred panels, which looks one-piece, but individually pivot to act as a sort of multi-layered sunroof. Ford has not set a date for Cougar yet, except to say that it will be in Europe next year.

We will have to wait longer to sample some of the technology under the bonnet of the equally radical-looking P2000. It houses the sort of propulsion Ford believes will be used universally in the next millennium as we switch to cars offering better energy efficiency and ultra-low pollution. P2000 is powered by a tiny.

four-cylinder 1.2-litre diesel engine made entirely from aluminium to save weight. The power pack will generate around 70 horse power, but performance will be the equiv alent of a 3-litre car of today. say Ford's engineers, because P2000 is so incredibly light. Widespread use of carbon fibre, magnesium, Kevlar the man-made composite -

and aluminium all-help, but

P2000 also contains just 200 kilos of steel - a quarter of a car the same size made on current assembly lines. With a total weight just 60 per cent of an equivalent model now, Ford estimates fuel economy will be three

times better, holding out the promise of the 100 miles to the gallon car. The company is also investigating the wide range of alternatives available, and is aiready well advanced with gas, methanol and ethanol and electric power. Fuel cells offer the ultimate goal: hydro-

gen broken down to generate

electricity with no harmful Trotman says: This is a tremendously important pro-gramme, greatly advancing the state of the industry towards achieving break-through fuel efficiency and very low emissions transportation that also gives the custom-

er what he or she wants." In reality, truly pollutionfree vehicles are decades away as engineers battle with the traditional bogeys of bulky battery technology and the difficulty of finding systems for which there is an existing infrastructure and which is as convenient as the traditional and trusty internal combus-

That leaves the reality of



P2000: lightweight propulsion for the next millennium

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Cross, closed restrictions at various times. A237 Manor Road, Wallingford. Traffic down to single lane with temporary lights at Melbourne Road

SOUTH-EAST A34 Berkshire. Contraflow and narrow lanes with 40mph limit between M4 junction 13 and Newbury. A4 Padworth, Berkshire Temporary lights at junction with A340. M40 Buckinghamshire. Long-term roadworks with a contratiow between junctions 1a (M25) and 3

A20 Kent. Temporary lights on Maidstone Road, Ashford. A414 Hertfordshire. Roadworks on St Albans Road, Hemel Hempstead. Roadworks with Various lane

M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Watlington and Oxford. Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to use the A40 and A418. M25 Surrey. Restrictions

and lane closures both ways between Reigate and A3. SOUTH-WEST
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approaches at junction with A361. A390 Comwall. Lane restrictions in centre of Truro at the Trafalgar roundabout, A417 Maisemore Bridge, Gloucestershire, Temporary lights during bridge work. A303 Somerset, One lane

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A1 between Alconbury Hill
and Alwalton, Cambridgeshire.

Construction work with lane closures, contraflow and 50mph limit. A134 Stradsett, Norfolk, roadworks at A122 junction. A52 Beeston, Nottinghamshire. Major roadworks on Derby Road. Expect delays between Sherwin Arms and Priory

roundabouts. A6 Leicestershire. Roadworks between M1 junction 24 and Sawley **A50** Stoke on Trent major roadworks in the Meir area at junction with A520. **M6** iunction 6 Birminah

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lights on Warwick Road, especially inbound from M6. A19 between Thomaby-on-Tees and Billingham, Cleveland. Major roadworks with two lanes each way and 50mph limit. A65 between Skipton and Yorkshire. Temporary lights following bridge damage, M1 South Yorkshire. Longterm roadworks with 30mph limit at junction 47. Delays on M1, M621 and A653. A134 Tyne and Wear. Contraflow on Felling bypass. M1 West Yorkshire, junctions 43 to 42 Stourton to ofthouse junction. Contraflow and 50mph limit. M62 West Yorkshire.

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missed the boat to Peking so went direct to a communications station where

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from the car then carried by peasant, camel and donkey, were to be relayed to Britain. As depatches arrived, he is said to

messages, often thrown in a bottle

have diverted them to his own news-

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make do with brief reports from Reuters' correspondents along the route.

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Australian neurosurgeon John Matheson and formerly used by the Queen on State visits to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. while Peter Noble, who has already undertaken several classic marathous in his 40hp Lanchester built for the 1925 New York Motor Show, is entrusting himself this time to a

1955 Bentley SI Continental.
Transatlantic luxury will be represented by the 5.7-litre 1949 Cadillac Series 62 coupé driven by David Dairymple, while the 1953 Jaguar Mk VII saloon driven by Derek Radcliff and Nigel Webb recalls the victory of a similar car in the 1956 Monte Carlo Rally.

SEVERAL entrants are driving British vintage sports cars, including a trio of 42-litre Bentleys, David MacDonald's Speed Six Bentley "Ice Racer", owned by Keith Schellenberg when he was a member of the British bobsleigh team in St Moritz, and a 1,500cc Aston Martin International driven by Gerry Acher, whose co-driver, Bruce Young, is registrar of the Aston Martin Owners' Club.

Walter Rothlauf's choice of a 1928 1.5-litre Type 40 Bugatti is not as bizarre as it seems, for driving a similar car fitted with a pick-up body. Li Frederic Loiseau made a pioneering 8,000-mile trip across the Sahara and back in 1929.

Another exotic French car entered is the 1930 Delage D8 drophead coupé of Brian Ashby, powered by a 4-litre straight-eight engine, while Dutchman Etienne Veen will drive a 1927 6.3-litre supercharged Mercedes sports car, just emerged from 47 years static display in a private collection.

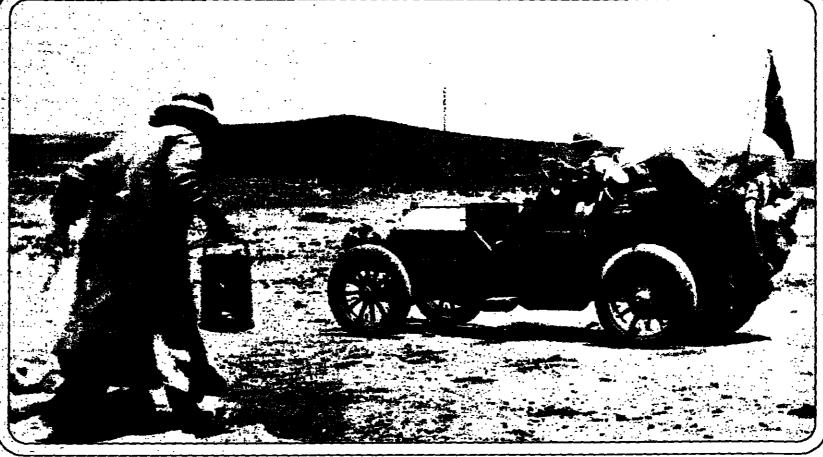
Rare vehicles include the 1930 Stutz cabriolet entered by David Cohen from Canada - one of only three surviving supercharged Stutz — and the only known 1919 5.7-litre Marmon 34 touring car, driven by Charles Kleptz from Ohio. But rarity is not just confined to the exones: Francesco Ciriminna, an engineer from Palermo, Sicily, is driving a 1948 Fiat 1100, one of only o cabriolet bodies examples of , this model known to exist.

THE MOST numerous marque taking part is Ford, with nine entries (ten if you count the Ford built 1942 Jeep) and the oldest entrant, 72-year-old Pennsylvanian Ray Carr, the only person in the world to have driven across Ameriand the second ca in steam, electric and petrolpowered cars. Indeed, Ray wanted to enter his 1909 Stanley Steamer for Peking-Paris but was turned down by the organisers, who thought that might constitute one , challenge too far?

Now Ray will be driving a 1939 Ford V8 convertible, while other notable Ford entrants include Crown Prince Idris Shah of Selangor with a 1932 Ford Model B and experienced classic car adventurer Don Saunders from Washington, who has driven from London to such far-flung destinations as Jeru-

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salem, Saigon, Peking and Sydney. The cars will travel in convoy across China for the first two days - and then we shall see who has chosen the winning formula. I am quietly confident that, thanks to my co-driver - the museum supervisor and chief engineer Douglas Hill - my Vauxhall will return intact, and whatever happens it will be a great adventure.



Prince Borghese collects water on the Gobi desert — where direction was by common sense after the telegraph poles ran out — before winning the race by 20 days

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on how the original 1907 entrants rose to the challenge of proving what the car could accomplish

such a hurry?" a colleague asked journalist Luigi Barzini as they passed on the office stairs at lunchtime on March 18. 1907. "On a tour round the world," replied the special correspondent of man burst into laughter.

the Milan Corriere della Sera, and was taken aback when the other But, allowing for a certain Latin exaggeration, that was exactly what

Barzini was undertaking: he was to accompany Prince Scipione Borghese on the 40hp Itala. which the prince had had constructed specially for a race from Peking to Paris proposed by the newspaper Le Mutin.

The paper had thrown out the "stupendous challenge" on January 31, 1907, when it accused the organisers of motor races of failing to realise the "supreme use of the automobile ... that it opens up to us journeys

hitherto undresimi of", and asked: "Is there anyone who will undertake to travel this summer from Peking to Paris by automobile?"

First to respond had been the Marquis de Dion, doyen of the French motor industry, who replied by special courier: "It is my belief that if a motor car can get through. the De Dion-Bouton will get through . . . I take up this challenge

here and now." Bizarrely, the next to come forward was a maker of motorised tricycles named Contal, then came Borghese - who had telegraphed the Itala works in Turin to order his car as soon as he read Le Matin's challenge — and finally there was a former jockey named Charles

Godard, earning a precarious living as a stunt motorcyclist and occasional motor racer. He had been provisionally entered to drive a Belgian Metallurgique, but when this maker scratched, he inveigled the Dutch Spyker company into providing him with a car.

Most potential entrants had faded away when a FFr2 000 entry fee was proposed, and it was only Borghese's determination to go ahead that spurred others into The first 200 miles took seven days



The final stages of the race at the Pont de Joinville

When the competing cars — two 10hp De Dion-Boutons, a Contal Mototri, the Itala and the Spyker assembled in Peking, Borghese was certainly the best prepared. Not only had he already crossed Asia on horse, camel and foot, but he was fluent in five languages, had surveyed the first few hundred miles of the route, his brother Livio was chargé d'affaires at the Italian legation in Peking and he had used the Asia-wide network of the Russo-Chinese Bank to garner information on local prices and conditions. But before they could get under way, the contestants first had to tants struggling over ancient bridges on the Peking plain, then labourers dragged the cars through the Nankow Gorge and over the mountains towards the Great Wall. before the cars

overcome the bureaucracy of the

Wai-wu-pu, the State Council of the

Celestial Chinese Empire, which

feared that these "fuel chariots"

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reached the Mongolian plateau and could run unaided. Aiready the Contricycle had tound the roads too difficult and resorted to the train to cover the first leg. It was

Gobi desert when its fuel ran out. For 800 miles across the desert the other cars followed the telegraph wires that carried the journalists' despatches, their supplies of fuel sent ahead by camel

caravan. Then, re-

called Barzini, for following suit. Even so, only five of the original 25 cars entered for the race actually made the start.

hours and hours, with no guide except our common sense, passing over a network of lines and paths, leaving them from time to time if they seemed to be taking a wrong direction for our purpose, and often running with no path at all, we crossed hills, plains and valleys."

Several times the Itala nearly sank in bogs and was only rescued with the aid of wandering Mongolians, but eventually they crossed the Russian border and arrived in Siberia, where the Chief of Police handed them documents from St Petersburg granting free passage through the Russian Empire.

Much of the Siberian highway system had fallen into disrepair since the building of the TransALGERIA EGYPT 500 miles

Siberian Railway, and at Lake Baikal the road - and bridges had become totally impassable. So Borghese obtained permission to drive on the railway track. When it became necessary to use the old. road because a train was approaching, a wooden brid under the weight of the Itala, almost crushing Borghese, Barzini and their mechanic Ettore. A band of workmen righted the car and it continued its journey, now running

liquid mud and, after Omsk, "our car began its rapid flight over the steppe, which lay before us like a calm green sea". Later, a rear wheel collapsed, its wooden spokes weakened by the muddy roads. A local wagonbuilder made a replacement entire-

through the taiga — the intermina-ble forest that covered great tracts

of Siberia. Then came swamps of

ly by hand and eye with his hatchet, and it proved strong enough to carry the car to journey's end. The Itala was now days ahead of the other contestants and the last 2,500 miles from Moscow seemed

almost an anticlimax: "A confusion and chain of visions passed like a flash before our eyes during this giddy flight," wrote Barzini. And when Borghese reached Meaux, 30 miles from Paris, he told the assembled journalists: "I assure you that such a journey requires more patience than daring." The other cars arrived 20 days later. their journey summed up by the French magazine Omnia as "a fine romance where the automobile perhaps plays the leading role".

and Chinese languages, while Hughes is fluent in Swahili, Can-

tonese, Mandarin, Hindi and Ara-

bic languages.

Meanwhile, Philip Young, the

rally organiser, will be keeping

watch over his flock of competitors

from a fleet of 2.5-litre diesel

Vauxhall Frontera 4x4s, donated

by Vaudhall, which will ferry two

doctors and two paramedics. There

will also be a giant truck, loaded with food, and five heavy-duty 4x4s

to drag the hapless to safety if the

Young says: "The only word for

the rally is epic the first through

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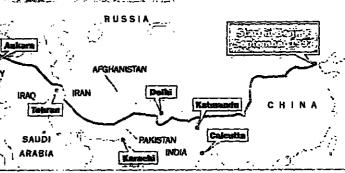
Iran in 20 years and the highest at

17,000 feet near the base camp of

"A modern version of that 1907

rally will obviously not be so

remote or difficult. All the same,



'I only meant you to read it'

Jack Crossley on how a couple's flight of fancy has turned into the real thing



Nigel, Paula and Arnie - "as tough as that Hollywood guy"

igel Broderick had never turned a competitive wheel in his fortysomething life when his wife Paula spotted some blurb on the Peking-Paris marathon.

She was killing time flipping throught of an in-flight maga-zine en route for Spain. This looks interesting," she said. Surprised that there could ever be anything really interesting in an in-flight magazine, he started reading, more out of politeness, really. But he ended up devouring every word and then said to his wife, also fortysomething and also never having driven a car in anger. "I think we ought to do this, Paula."

"Yes, dear," she said. It is not recorded whether she patted him tenderly on the knee, but she changed the subject. Such holiday madness was not to be encouraged. Dreams of competing with folk like Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and other motoring toffs would never survive back in real life. Real life being the making and distributing of Ecoflow magnetic fuel-saving devices on an industrial estate at

Saltash in Cornwall. But the bug nibbled its way into Nigel's imagination. He could be spotted scribbling notes on odd bits of paper, restaurant napkins, backs of envelopes. Back in Cornwall, Paula had eventually to face up to startling fact that he was going to drive the 12,000-mile marathon - and she was going to navigate.

And they were going to do it in a 1967 Anglia estate, price £4,000, previous owner, rally enthusiast David (now Lord)

Nigel has had "every nut and

holt" double checked and now it's known as Arnie "because it's as strong as that tough guy Hollywood star".

· Next priority was making sure Nigel and Paula, who have two teenage sons, were fit for the job. They called on a fearsome ex-marine. Rod Lamb, who specialises in turning pear-shapes into people-shapes. Three days a week, at 7.15am, Rod turned up at the Broderick home near Liskeard to inflict a solid hour of pain on their previously neglected bodies. He also put them on a strict diet, but when I asked Nigel if this included a ban on alcohol, he said: "If that was on the diet

sheet, I must have misread it." Nigel is down from fifteen and a half stone to fourteen and a half. Paula says she is "ready

for anything".

Anything will include ten nights under canvas in Tibet. crossing seven or eight rivers in Nepal, some where the bridges are reported to have been washed away in floods.

We gave Arnie and ourselves 5,000 miles of hard testing in the Farga in Spain, then replaced all the bits that had taken a beating exhaust - manifold, suspension bushes, shock absorbers. Made sure that things like the petrol, radiator and oil caps were chained to the body. Tried to think of all the silly things that might go wrong."

Araie the Anglia was shipped to China in July, crated up with another competitor's Bentley. "I was glad to get rid of it," Nigel said. "It meant I could get a good night's kip and not have to worry about if there's any-

thing else we can do to it."

Kevin Eason on some of the other Brits taking part in an epic of motoring and endurance

Into the unknown in the tracks of history

The trouble with being a girl on an epic voyage is simply not knowing what to wear WALTER GOADWOOD when you are crossing a desert one minute, fording a river the next. For Francesca Sternberg and Jennifer Cillies, the only all-woman team in the rally, that

decision is tougher than you think For while the men are stripped and ready for action in blistering heat and dust, the women will have to be covered head to foot as their car crosses Iran, which has a strict dress cude as a Muslim regime. There is also that other tricky

problem which doesn't really trouhie chaps quite so much out in the open. Willing Gurkhas from Nepal are digging latrines for the competnors at camp sites in Tibet - after that, the women are on their own when nature calls.

But Jennifer and Francesca are made of stern stuff, like their 1962 Valvo Amazon, one of the sturdiest

cars in the race. Francesca is one of Britain's top questrians, while Jennifer runs her own fashion business. While this is their first attempt at a rally on this scale, the route and its , hurards will be just as unknown to the rest of the competitors.

. However, some bring vast experience to the event - such as Brian Ashby and his son, Duncan, who are taking a lovely 1930 Delage. Brian and Duncan competed in last year's Monte Carlo Challenge when the Delage had to cope with freezing temperates, though it fin-ished eighth in its category.

Richard Williams's company restored and prepared a 1964 Aston Martin DB5 for Tony Buckingham and Simon Mann. The donor vehicle cost just £1,500 and was little more than a wreck when it arrived at the workshops in Coh-ham, Surrey. Williams's engineers modified the engine to run on 70 octane fuel - a weak mixture which the cars will encounter across much of China - and added roll and crash protection plus a new suspension with extra travel, higher ground clearance and full waterproofing. Special wheel hubs and tyres should withstand the buffeting of rocky terrain, while there is also a twin fuel system which gives the big English sportster enough fuel capacity for 550 miles.

There are 39 entrants from Britain, with 25 nations represented in total, including 13 from the United States.



Special. Clark, the car's owner, is a banker who now lives in Singapore while Hughes is a banker who has

Richard Clark and Kenneth worked in Hong Kong for the past Hughes are both British but will be 20 years. Between them, they driving a handsome 1948 Buick should at least make a fist of communicating with the locals: Clark is fluent in German and French with smatterings of Arabic

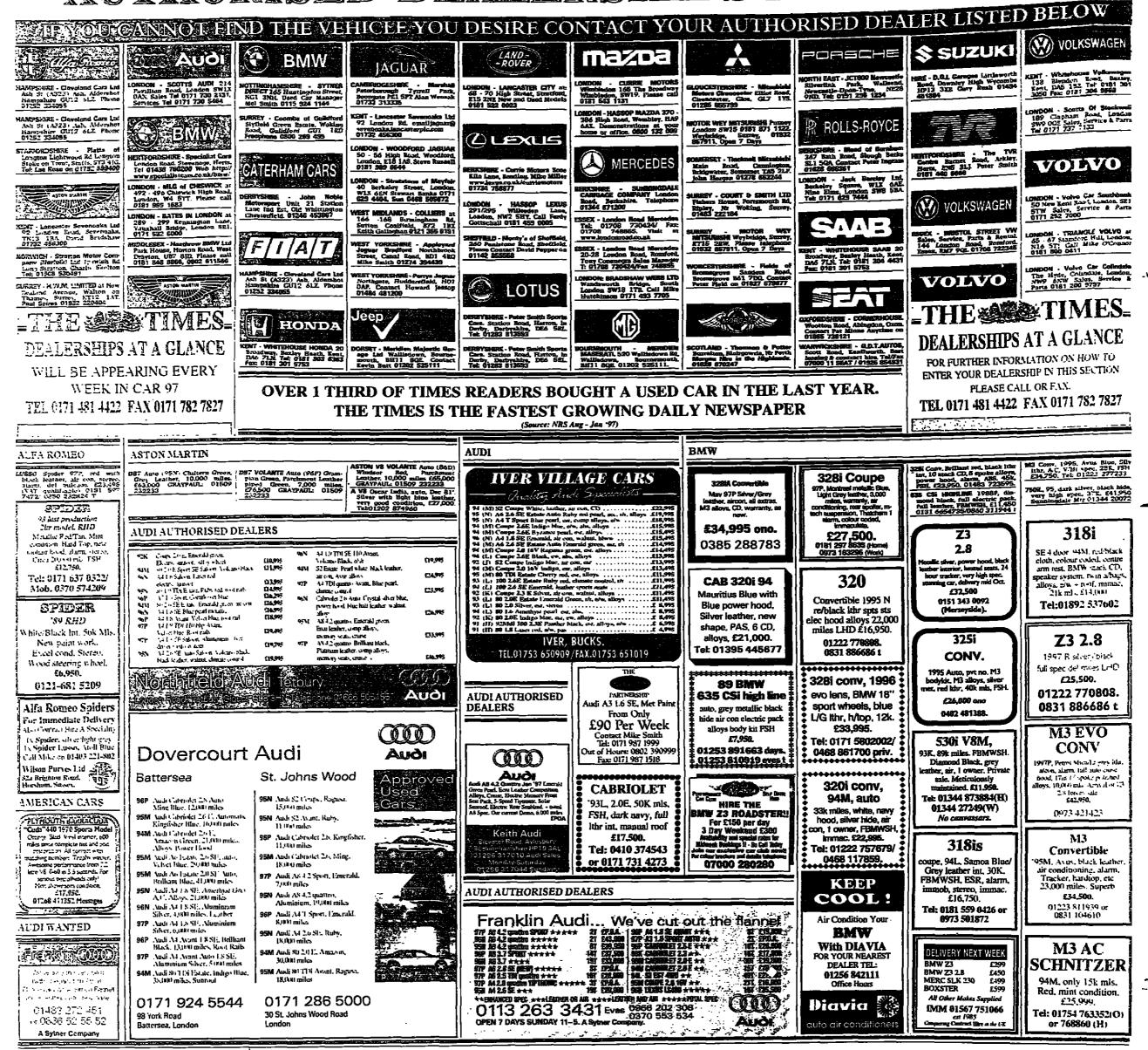
this is a vast distance over incredibly difficult terrain in cars which were not really built for the purpose. Nobody has attempted anything like this for cars of this type and age since that first race in 1907 when the gauntlet was thrown down to cross two continents. Whoever gets home first will have

done a magnificent job."

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Ignore the hype, Volkswagen's

new generation shows it class on

the road, says

Helen Mound

o old, it is one of the most venerable names in motoring, as familiar as traffic lights and the lollipop lady on our streets. But the Volkswagen Golf shows no sign of fading away. Instead, after 23 years in production, the fourth generation of this remarkable car is better than ever.

Bigger, curvier and more powerful than those tiny boxes on wheels which were launched in 1974, the Golf is pitched into one of the most competitive sectors of the market where upmarket Escorts jostle with Audi's A3 across a spectrum of models that have been revamped or relaunched.

It is also the toughest section of the market in which to be used to be the Golf's sole territory. You could spot an original Mkl model at 10 miles, so square were its lines. though it was surprisingly nearer in size to the current Polo than the big sister MkIV. due in British showrooms

from December. The good news is that, after two generations of bland, the Golf looks and feels better than ever. If middle-market buyers were waiting for something to come along and give them a nudge in their wallets,

here it is at last. MkIV has great handling. performance and styling. The first delivery will include a range with eight engines and five trim levels - but Volkswagen says that is only threequarters of the potential lineup. A cabriolet, four-wheeldrive hatch, saloon and estate versions have yet to be

t is no secret that the Golf effectively shares the same floorpan and underpinnings as the Audi A3, one of the hits of the year, and the soon-to-arrive Skoda Octavia. All part of the Volkswagen group's strategy to cut costs by sharing expensive-to-develop floorpans around its sister companies: VW, Seat, Skoda and Audi.

That could conceivably lead to uniformity throughout the range, so it is not surprising how much like a sophisticated refined and more costly Audi this people's wagon feels. VW offers a wider choice of

engines than the Audi, with three and five-door prices likely to start at £12,000. £2,000 less than the entry-level A3. And VW claims there are differences - the Golf has the sporting appeal while the A3 is more comforting. They are not significant differences though. The soft plastic finish on the dashboard, quality fabrics, and exceptionally high standard of equipment puts the new Golf in a class above its predecessor and conspicuousy close to the A3, supposed to

be in a slightly higher segment of this compact market. I drove the cars with the new 20-valve engines, already familiar in the A3: the normally aspirated 1.8-litre in 125 brake horse power guide and the turbocharged 150bhp 1.8.

On paper the extra 25bhp doesn't appear substantial, but when it's underneath your right foot and, given a lightpressure turbocharger, it makes a marked difference.

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GOLF Mk IV

Engines: 1.4 lov. 75bhp; 1.6 lov. 100bhp; 1.8 20v. 125bhp; 1.8 20v. 150bhp; 2.3 20v V5, 150bhp; 1.9 diesel, 68bhp; 1.9 turbo-diesel, 90bhp; 1.9 turbo-diesel, 110bhp.

Performance: 1.4 - 0-62mph, 13.5 secs: top speed 106mph; 33mpg (in town). 1.6 — 10.9 secs; 117mph; — 8.5 secs; 134mph; 26.1mpg. 2.3 V5 — 8.8 secs; 134mph; 20.9mpg. 1.9 (68bhp) — 17.2 secs; 100mph; 40.9mpg. 1.9 (90bhp) — 12.6 secs; 112mph; 41.4mpg. 1.9 (110bhp) — 10.6 26.9mpg 1.8 (125bhp) - 9.9 secs secs; 120mph; 43.4mpg.

Prices: 1.4E i6v three door, £12,000; 23 V5 three-door, £19,500.

The 125bhp version feels breathless and lethargic compared to the turbocharged car which has keen Jack Russelllike tendencies. For equally

feisty performance. but a touch of comfort, VW has developed the 23 V5, also with 150bhp. derived from VW's VR6 engine. Hard-ened GTi drivers will be pleased with how the Golf GTi has matured. but those who have matured themselves will find the V5 easier to live any longer with. Handling is pleasingly tight.

forgiving than the GTi. If even GTi performance is still not enough, then those who prefer their Golfs with more spirit will have to wait until next year for the 2.8-litre VR6 to arrive in Britain. No doubt there will be a rush for this front-of-the-grid per-

former. Meanwhile, what is there for the money in the latest incarnation of Europe's favourite car? Answer: a lot. VW has added features to the

Golf that mediumsized hatchback drivers rarely see: None of wipers with automatic rain sensors. its 23 for example, rear view mirrors that years and automatically re-duce the glare from following cars, and factory-fitted satelsheer familiarity ite navigation systems are all in the shows catalogue. Safety includes

ger airbags, anti-lock brakes and a steering equally re-sponsive, but the ride is more new feature which will attract a lot of attention among the thirty-somethings with their young families: rear bench anchors which allow a child seat to be fixed rigidly. The Golf is the first car to comply to new European Community Isofix standards which help parents decide how to fit baby

driver and passen-

seats that really will keep baby

That is the sort of attention

car under a Big Top - yes, a circus with palm-reading, body-painting, basketball competitions and Tai chi les-

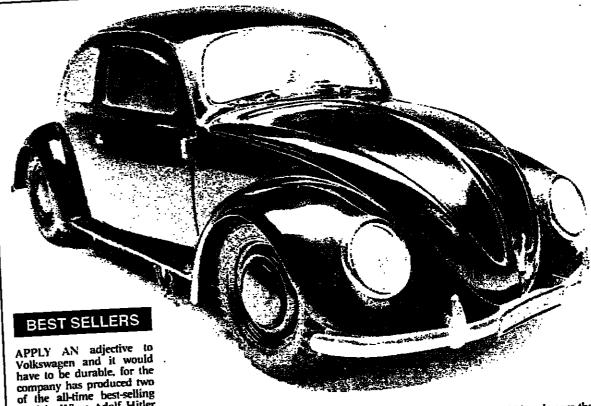
In between, they assailed us with descriptions of the car which ranged only from "bril-liant, innovative and wonderful" - even, somewhat astonishingly, "mythical" - all the way to "perfect". Come on: it's good, but nothing is that good. familiarity shows any longer. Golf MkIV is a cracking motor

Volkswagen wants because a lot rides on this new-for-old motor. If you had seen the press launch, you would have discovered just how hard the Germans were trying to sell this car to journalists from all Volkswagen launched the

sons. More than 300 of us sat bemused as parachutists landed among us and a cabaret danced around the dining hy? Frankly, I have no idea how

a night in the Big Top was going to convince me that the Golf was a good car better than an hour at the wheel, but all those nice chaps in suits in marketing obviously thought it was one way to blow the launch

Take it from me and ignore the inevitable hype — you just need to take a look at the new Golf. None of its 23 years on the market, none of its sheer and will carry on the production legend which has already made the car one of the bestselling of all time.



■ The world's top-selling cars (in millions, latest available figures): Volkswagen Beetle (above) — 21: Toyota Corolla — 20; VW Golf — 17: Model T Ford — 15.5; Ford F-Scries Truck — 14.9; Lada Riva — 13.5; Ford Escont/Orion — 12; Nissan Sunny — 10.2; Mazda 323 — 9.5; Renault 4 — 8.1

reliability, and postwar production soared. Output has now passed 21 million and keeps climbing, with production in South America still feeding the legend of the world's best-selling car.

To produce one best-seller

is commendable, to produce two is remarkable, and the Golf at first never seemed to have any pretensions to legendary status. Yet in 23 years, they have kept coming and coming: the car has been the best-selling in Europe since 1984 and more than 17 million have rolled off the vast production lines at Wolfsburg in Germany virtually a one-company town dedicated to Volkswagen. Even now, a new Golf leaves the factory every 26 seconds, steaming up to the record figure established by its predecessor - if the MkIV captures the public imagination so that millions more join the Golf club.

Definitely notta proppa way to name a mota

Want to admit that you own a car called a Nippa? No thank you, says Kevin Eason

The marketing man who has to sell this one has his work cut out the latest car to enter Britain is ... wait for it ... called the

Perodua Nippa. 1'd thank you for not giggling at the back there. This is a serious report and those of you not grown up enough to accept that can turn to

page seven right now. The Perodua Nippa is ... the Nippa is ... all right, you win. It is a ridiculous name and I pity the first buyer who has to tell his chums he is the proud owner of a car which definitely has the most bizarre Hoppa or Shoppa or any of those

handle in the British motoring

world. Perodua is a Malaysian company founded five years ago, using technological help from Daihatsu, and has the same ambitions as other manufacturers from the Pacific Rim region, Kia, Proton, Hyundia and Daewoo among them. The company has 25 British dealers from Torquay

to Edinburgh. It seems that Perodua had a choice when deciding what to call its little car in Britain. Obviously somebody went to work on a bus called the



models. When Adolf Hitler

decided he wanted a busi-

ness to put Germany on wheels, he told Ferdinand

Porsche to build him a Volks

Wagen — people's car. Clearly, Hitler was think-

ing he would be putting the

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as well at some point, though

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Porsche invented the car

which became the familiar

air-cooled rear-engined Bee-

tle, a model of simplicity and

Perodua Nippa: obviously somebody went to work on a bus with the cutesy name of Hoppa or Shoppa

dreadful, cutesy names they get these days, and hit on Nippa. To business though, and the Nippa is a reworking of Dathatsu's Mira, so no surprises under the bonnet or in the styling. This is the car which was built for A to B functionality, the supermarker cola instead of the real thing.

Under the bonnet is a threecylinder, \$50cc power plant whose 42 brake horse power is enough to propel a vehicle weighing just 675 kilos to a top speed of 84mph. Not startling, but this is the car to nip or, indeed, nippa — to the shops in or pick the kids up from school. Price will be a consideration for

anybody considering amusing the neighbours: at £5.886 and £6.521, only the Kia Pride (£5,919). Fiat Cinquecento (£6,500) and Lada Samara (£4,845, but you can't buy them any more) get near.

But Nippa? Nippa! You would have to pay me to own a car with that name.

IN BRIEF

Fast-track results

SHREDDED nerves could be a thing of the past for L-test students engaged in the battle of wits with the theory examination. Pupils prepared to pay £25 instead of £15 can have their papers marked immediately, with results available in as little as an hour. The Driving Standards Agency says that the while-you-wait service will be available at 22 test centres — and if you botch it then you have to wait a minimum of three days before a resit. Oh, and you can keep your theory paper as a memento of the day. Isn't that lovely?

Corolla is on a roll

■ TOYOTA'S latest Corolla has been judged to have the lowest leasing rates in its class by Dial Contracts. The 1.3 Sportif three-door led the Ford Escort 1.3 Encore, Mazda 323 1.3LXi, VW Golf 1.4L and Peugeot 306 1.4L. The Corolla was also top of class among five-door cars in the 1.3 to 1.6 category and among diesel estates, a boost for the Japanese firm launching its new haby.

YET MORE men in suits: the prudish Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has refused to issue a number of Rplates which might cause offence to we shrinking violets of the roads, including R4 NDY (you got it Randy) even though bundles of drivers have offered £10,000 and more for the registration this month. No explanation given, but surely the best ploy is to sell the plate for the highest price, then let the rest of the world know exactly what sort of dipstick is behind the wheel of a car adorned with such an unappealing moniker.

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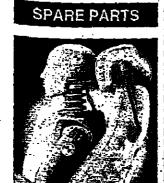
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PROTECTION from whip lash is promised by a head restraint fitted to Saab's 9-5 model, just coming to British showrooms. The system was developed by Saab with Del-phi Systems - both part of the General Motors empire. Called Pro-tech, the system is mechanical and triggered by a pressure plate in the seat back. On impact, pressure from the driver presses on to the plate, which pushes the head rest up and forward before the head snaps backwards, providing what engineers call "a catch-📝 er's mitt". American data shows rear impacts cause 25 per cent of injuries annually, which should be reduced among drivers with Saabs fitted with Pro-tech.



SO FAREWELL the Calibra (above), the car that redefined the Essex car and moved it to Luton, home of Vauxhall. The company is running out the coupé with a special edition SE9 version in flame red with leather seats, spoiler and alloy wheels. All for £22,495 if you want to be among the last of more than 238,000 Calibra buyers persuaded by its slightly naff styling.

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ar names can be de-scriptive, pretentious, confusing irrelevant or just plain daft. Chrysler got it exactly right when it called its big multi-purpose vehicle Voyager. True, it doesn't float. so sea voyages are not recommended, but it is an evocative name that smacks of stately, long-distance travel to far away places which may them-selves have strange sounding names. It even has a compass,

writes Stuart Birch. Chrysler is not modest about the Voyager. It describes it as the world's best-selling people carrier and "the vehicle that created the MPV boom", but it has taken 14 years to reach Britain. Worth waiting for? By and large — and large is the word for this piece of wheeled real estate - the

answer is yes. I have been living with a 3.3-litre LE version (there is also the Grand Voyager, which is even bigger), which is arguably good value at £23,695 plus £900 for leather seats. It also came with £300 worth of very dark "sunscreen glass" for the rear windows and tailgate window, which from a distance makes it look like a van, transport for a rock star

ROAD TEST

or as if you have something to hide; possibly all three.

The big V6 engine is all torque, but with 150 brake horse power nothing special in the way of power. On paper the performance looks no more than adequate, but in action the Voyager feels lively enough. It is a bit of a gas guzzler in town at just over lompg, but the combined figure of 23mpg looks better. Four-speed automatic transmission is standard and the

VOYAGER 3.3LE

Engine: 3.3-litre V6 for 156bhp at 4,700rpm. four-speed automatic transmission. Performance: 0-62mph, 11.8 secs; top speed 109mph. Econ-

omy: average 23mpg. Equipment Air-conditioning, cruise control 10 speaker-stereo. Price: £23,695 on the

umn-mounted.

On main roads and motorways, this big MPV's ride is excellent and it bowls along easily with occupants enjoying a high-level, panoramic view of the world. However, on roads with poor surfaces such as country lanes, ride quality is unimpressive and the body does not have the rigid feel of current European MPV's such as the Ford Galaxy/VW Sharan or Renault Espace. Handling and roadholding are adequate while the Voyag-

er is easy to manoeuvre.

But it is in terms of space and equipment where the Voyager really scores. Making a voyage in the Voyager is a spacious experience for seven people, although luggage room is then somewhat limited. The rear bench seat has "easy-out rollers" - nothing to do with hairdressing, everything to do with pushing the seats into storage when re-moved. There are plenty of seat configurations to choose from. The long wheelbase Grand Voyager provides use-

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but avoid "bitty" examples with a dubious past. The 944 S2 is a 3-litre machine with a top speed close to 150mph and a 0-60mph time of six seconds. Expect to pay £13,000 for a 1989 F-reg S2 cabriolet with 100,000 miles. Such mileage need not cause concern provided the car comes with a full service history.

A ROLLS-Royce can make a bargain buy for the motorist able to afford the running costs. High mileage examples of the Silver Spirit - provided Standing 1.740mm high

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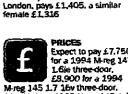
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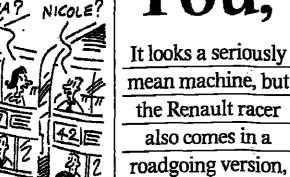
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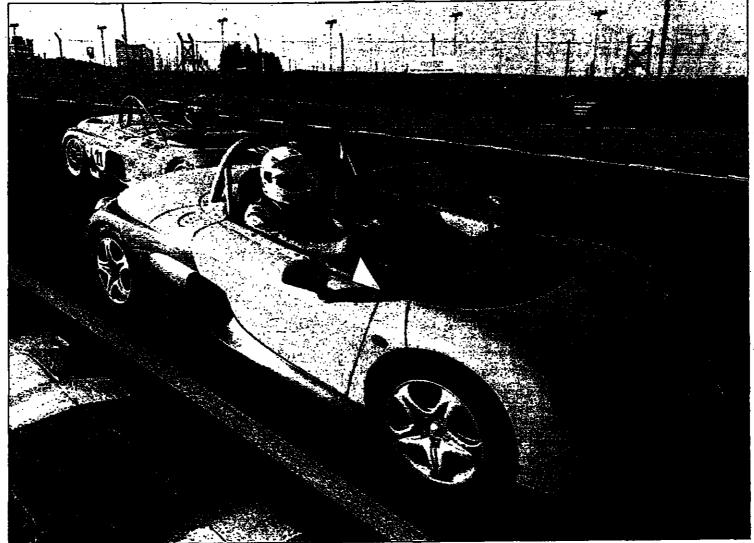
says Stuart Birch ick Hart, 27-year-old race driver and Howard Nicholson. 57-year-old regional sales engineer, have one thing in common: a liking for spiders. Or, to be more exact, the

Renault Sport Spider. Nick races the rapid, raucous, road-clinging machine in the Re-nault Sport Spider Cup champion-ship: Howard drove one for a day and decided his clients would be shocked if he turned up in it for meetings instead of his 1.6-litre Toyota Corolla.

The remarkable thing about the £26,000 lightweight Spider, a total sports car with few pretensions to comfort - no roof, windows, carpets. heater, radio, power assistance for the non-ABS breaks or power steering and a luggage locker filled with tonneau cover and puncture repair kit - is its ability to whirl around a race track at convincing speeds but present no problems to a driver who spends most of his travelling time in a saloon on motorways. It may look it, but this is not really a mean machine. Even so, invited by CAR 97 to

sample the aluminium and compos-ites, mid-engined Spider, Howard - a specialist in commercial vehicle body design with CVR of Rochdale - approached it with a hint of trepidation. He had driven nothing like it before. First, the doors open vertically, so there is the chance of a cuff on the chin. Once on board, the driving position can be improved. via adjustable pedals.

Settled in a huggy bucket seat, the Spider's 150bhp Megane Coupé 16v engine ticking over. Howard was. ready for action, accelerating gently, becoming used to the close-ratio gearbox, direct steering and brakes that need a hefty shove. It wasn't quite like setting off for the M25 in the Corolla. But within 10 minutes he was tackling corners with a gusto that his Toyota — in which he covers



The roadgoing Spider: "Lower the ride height, take off the windscreen and swap the tyres for slicks and the two cars would be very close"

45,000 miles a year — would not appreciate at all. After 15 minutes, the exhaust found its full voice as he used the car's power.

With the early morning sun gleaming on the Spider's brilliant yellow paintwork, the temperature climbing and the roads traffic-free, Howard Nicholson was having fun: feel part of the car. It is noisy. basic, hardly a rep's car - but I want one!"

Nick Hart's is even more basic; a single-seater, it has suspension with as much give as Mike Tyson's flexed muscles. It weighs about 40kg less than the road car, has an extra 35hhp, a six-speed non-synchromesh gearbox, Renault-Alpine A610



The racing Spider, left, and its roadgoing cousin open for inspection

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supercar brake calipers and fat Michelin slicks. Nick has consistently been in the top three in the Spider

Cup, driving for Apex Autosport.
"My car is not really that much different from a roadgoing Spader. Both share immense stability, suspension is via double wishbones and they have rear wheel drive to satisfy the purist. Even in the wet, grip is immense. On the track you can get these cars oversteering to an angle of almost 90 degrees — and they virtually always come back on line thanks to the tyre capacity."

So I took the roadgoing Spider to Brands and asked him to prove the noint. It was time for crash beimets and serious motoring. Nick even

RENAULT SPIDER

Engine Two-litre, four-cylinder with 150bhp. Performance: 0-60mph in seven seconds; top speed 134mph.

Equipment: Heated windscreen, adjustable foot pedals, leather-rimmed steering wheel, aluminium briefcase for vehicle documentation. engine immobiliser, roll bar Recard sports seats. Extras: Umbrella-style hard-top hood: Price: £26,595 on the road.

removed the driving seat cushion: "I like to sit as low as possible."

A quick warm-up lap, then on lap two, past the pits at 105mph, brake for Paddock Hill Bend, phinge down it like a roller-coaster with a hint of oversteer, sweep up towards Druids at 85mph, change down to third and then second gear, breaking hard to 45mph, a squealing 190 degree turn, down the hill towards. Graham Hill Bend, the engine revilimiter cutting in briefly, up to third then fourth gear reaching Statch before Surrees bend, into third, tash through Clearways and accelerate to 105mph once more past the pits to do it all over again.

Il this in a car that I'd used as my regular transport for a week, including a trip to the supermarket where it gathered an immediate crowd. Street cred? This car has street cred, track cred and supermarket car park cred.

On a good day, Nick's race Spider laps Brands in about 48 seconds: "I reckon the roadgoing Spider would take another four seconds. But lower the ride height, take off the windscreen and swap the tyres for slicks and the two cars would be very close.

Nick makes the point that such driving is for tracks only. Drive like that on the road and you'd be looked up — and quite right. But it does indicate the level of dynamic safety designed into the car. Driven responsibly on the road, it is very sufe indeed; you are unlikely to get into. difficulties - but if you do it is very. easy to recover."

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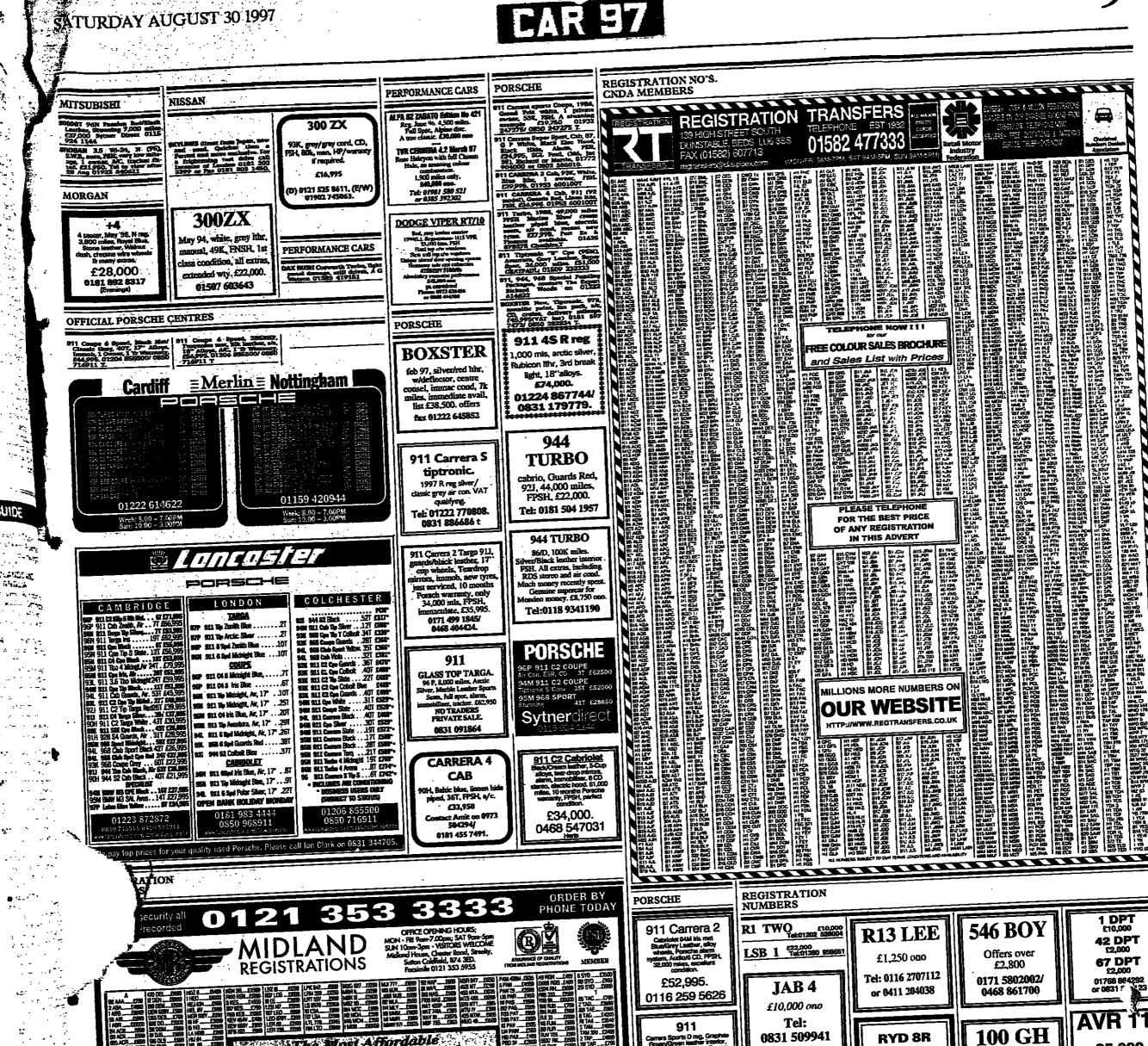
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Vaughan Freeman enjoys a politically incorrect, but very upmarket, status

offee or tea? Toast or cornflakes? Porsche Boxster or the Rolls-Royce Silver Spur? Oh, the heartache and agony of those first decisions of the day . . .

John Prescott certainly would not have approved of the two cars parked all too temporarily outside the Freeman household, between the clutter of our worn Volvo estate and the neighbours' Maestros. Creg Saahs and company Mondeos.

By some freak of bad diary management, the Spur and Boxster arrived on the same day, posing the sort of dilemma most motorists would swap their Granny to face: what do I drive today?

All modern cars get you from A to B and are fairly safe and comfortable. Even so, the choice of modern cars is wider than ever. and the newest Rolls-Royce and the first genuinely new Porsche for 18 years represent opposite poles of

that motoring variety.

The Boxster is a lithe 2.5-litre two-seat, two-door sports convertible with blinding pace and restricted luggage room. But it is all about fun. attitude and driving down country lanes with the top down and a grin on your face. Judged in terms of pence-per-fun, it is an absolute bargain at £34,000.

The Silver Spur is a 6.7-litre. 18foor behemoth: a wafting, cossetting automotive world apart, which world of leatner, wood and carpeting to create a hermetically sealed £145,000 worth of marvellous attention to detail and opulence.

Which to drive? The decision was made initially by the need to transport the family of four from Brighton to Swansea. Despite sixyear-old Benjamin's plea that he copilot the Boxster with dad while mum brought sister Emily in the Rolls-Royce, the Crewemobile was the obvious choice.

Five luxuriant hours later we were in South Wales. No longer is the clock the loudest thing in a Rolls-Royce. Today air-conditioning makes the most noise, except when drowned out by back-seat passengers giggling at their favour-

ite video on the in-car player.

There was a time in the 1980s when envy, accompanied by cowardly scratches on the paintwork. seemed the main emotion inspired by a Rolls-Royce. Perhaps times have changed, for wherever we went the Silver Spur drew truly appreciative glances. In Swansea, parked in a terraced street where it cost as much as three or four of the houses, neighbours admired its quality and its workmanship, without sneering or jealousy.

The trip home was equally relaxing, another 250 miles in blazing heat, purring along in a car that is so deceptively quick despite its size, that a blip on the throttle



Decisions, decisions: Freeman ponders the agonising choice between £145,000 of supreme Rolls-Royce luxury and £34,000 of fun driving in a convertible Porsche

in contrast to town driving, which

is serene progress.

All so different from the manners of the Boxster. From our front door to the pillarbox is about 800 yards. but when there is a Boxster outside and a sun in the sky you have to drive with the roof down to post a letter. Most mornings nothing could be done until each family member had had their 15-minute outing in the passenger seat, taking a quick trip over the Sussex Downs.

The makers of Prozac would be put out of business overnight if all those taking it were instead offered daily doses of Boxster. Its potential performance is way over the legal top, but no matter. Sprinting on a sent it surging down the motorway.

SILVER SPUR

Engine: Turbo-charged 6.7-litre V8, computer controlled automatic transmission

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Engine: Mid-mounted 25-litre, flat six-cylinder producing 204bhp. Performance: 0-62mph in 6.9 seconds: top speed

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